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1           [There is no reportable action as a result of the  
2           Board of Supervisors' closed session held today.]

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6   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS' MEETING WILL NOW  
7   COME TO ORDER. PARDON ME, COULD YOU PLEASE FIND YOUR SEAT?  
8   THANK YOU. THE PASTOR TODAY FOR INVOCATION IS PASTOR RAY  
9   TELLES, HOPE OF GLORY FELLOWSHIP, WHITTIER, FROM THE FOURTH  
10   DISTRICT. THE PLEDGE IS BY ROBERT SAXON, WHO IS MILITARY  
11   AFFAIRS CHIEF.

12

13   **PASTOR RAY TELLES:** LET US PRAY. OUR GREAT AND AWESOME GOD, WE  
14   GIVE YOU THANKS FOR THIS WONDERFUL DAY. MOST WE THANK YOU FOR  
15   YOUR LOVE AND YOUR GRACE AND YOUR MERCY. WE ASK THAT YOU WOULD  
16   RAIN DOWN YOUR BLESSINGS ONCE AGAIN UPON THE COUNCIL HERE AND  
17   ALL THAT ARE IN ATTENDANCE. WE PRAY FOR HEALTH AND STRENGTH  
18   AND WISDOM AND GUIDANCE, THAT WE MAY CONTINUE TO BUILD GREAT  
19   COMMUNITIES THAT WOULD SEND FORTH AND CONTINUE TO REACH OUT TO  
20   THOSE WHO ARE IN NEED AS WELL AS TO THOSE WHO ARE WILLING TO  
21   HELP THOSE IN NEED. SO THIS MORNING, WE LOOK TO YOU HUMBLY AND  
22   WE GIVE THANKS FOR HEARING US WHEN WE PRAY. WE ASK ALL THIS IN  
23   YOUR WONDERFUL NAME, AMEN.

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1   **ROBERT SAXON:** PLEASE STAND AND FACE THE FLAG AND FOLLOW ME IN  
2   THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE. [PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE RECITED.]

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4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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6   **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN. MY  
7   PLEASURE TO PRESENT A CERTIFICATE OF APPRECIATION TO A GOOD  
8   FRIEND, PASTOR RAY TELLES, WHO IS PASTOR OF THE HOPE OF GLORY  
9   FELLOWSHIP IN WHITTIER. HOPE OF GLORY CELEBRATED THEIR FIRST  
10   PUBLIC SERVICE ON AUGUST 7TH, 1996, AND WAS FOUNDED BY PASTOR  
11   TELLES AS AN ORGANIZATION THAT PROMOTES FAITH AND NETWORKING  
12   TOGETHER TO BUILD A BETTER COMMUNITY. PASTOR TELLES STRONGLY  
13   BELIEVES IN ENCOURAGING YOUNG PEOPLE THROUGH EDUCATION AND  
14   MENTORING AND HELPING TO STEER THEM IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION SO  
15   THAT THEY MAY REACH THEIR HIGHEST POTENTIAL. HE'S BEEN VERY  
16   INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. I MEAN VERY INVOLVED. AND HAS  
17   WORKED WITH MANY ORGANIZATIONS, INCLUDING THE HISPANIC  
18   OUTREACH TASKFORCE, AND THE WHITTIER AREA EVANGELICAL  
19   MINISTERS' ALLIANCE. HE'S MARRIED TO HIS WONDERFUL AND  
20   BEAUTIFUL WIFE MARLENE AND THE PROUD FATHER OF TWO SONS, JOSH  
21   AND JOSIAH. SO, PASTOR, ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND MY COLLEAGUES  
22   ON THE BOARD AND THE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY, WE'D LIKE TO  
23   THANK YOU FOR TAKING TIME OUT OF YOUR VERY BUSY SCHEDULE TO  
24   LEAD US IN A VERY WONDERFUL INVOCATION. [APPLAUSE.]

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
2 BOARD, WE WILL BEGIN TODAY'S AGENDA ON PAGE 3, PRESENTATIONS,  
3 SET MATTERS. ON ITEM S-2, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER REQUESTS  
4 THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 16TH, 2008. AND  
5 THERE'S ALSO A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD  
6 THIS ITEM.

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL HOLD IT AND THEN WE WILL CONTINUE IT  
9 TO THAT DAY.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. ON PAGE 4, AGENDA FOR THE  
12 MEETING OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, ITEMS 1-D AND  
13 2-D.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY.  
16 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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18 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE HOUSING  
19 AUTHORITY, ITEM 1-H.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
22 ANTONOVICH; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AGENDA FOR THE MEETING OF THE REGIONAL PARK  
25 AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT, ITEM 1-P.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY KNABE;  
3 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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5 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, ITEMS 1 THROUGH 18.  
6 ON ITEM NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND SUPERVISOR BURKE  
7 ABSTAIN FULL THE VOTE. AND ALSO SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY VOTES  
8 NO ON THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 7, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISIONS  
9 AS INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND THERE IS ALSO A  
10 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM  
11 NUMBER 14, SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.  
12 AND ON ITEM NUMBER 16, THIS INCLUDES THE REVISION AS INDICATED  
13 ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. AND ALSO SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
14 ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE. THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS IS BEFORE YOU. SURE. ITEM NUMBER 16.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY KNABE--

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SURE. UNDER BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ITEM  
20 NUMBER 2, SUPERVISOR MOLINA, SUPERVISOR BURKE ABSTAIN FROM THE  
21 VOTE AND SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY VOTES NO ON THIS ITEM. ON ITEM  
22 NUMBER 7, THERE WERE REVISIONS THAT WERE INDICATED ON THE  
23 SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND ALSO THERE IS A REQUEST FROM A MEMBER  
24 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 14, SUPERVISOR  
25 KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD. AND ON ITEM NUMBER 16,



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1 THERE WAS A REVISION ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, AND ALSO  
2 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAINS FROM THE VOTE.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. ON ITEM NUMBER 2, IT IS NOT  
5 PASSED. ON THE REMAINDER, MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY  
6 KNABE SHOWING THAT SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH ABSTAINS ON ITEM 16.  
7 WITHOUT OTHER OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED.

8

9 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THANK YOU. YES. ON PAGE--

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT. ITEM 2--

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** TWO ABSTENTIONS. ONE NO VOTE.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I'LL BE RECORDED AS AN ABSTENTION.

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17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM NUMBER 2, IT WILL BE RECORDED AS THREE  
18 ABSTENTIONS AND TWO APPROVALS. ON PAGE 11, WE ARE AT THE  
19 CONSENT CALENDAR, ITEMS 19 THROUGH 60. ON ITEM NUMBER 20, AS  
20 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
21 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
22 AUGUST 19TH, 2008.

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24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 21, SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND  
2 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHICH ITEM?

5

6 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 21.

7

8 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WHAT WAS THE ONE THAT WAS CONTINUED ONE  
9 WEEK?

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** 20.

12

13 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 20.

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15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THANK YOU.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 22, THERE'S A REQUEST FROM A  
18 MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM. ON ITEM NUMBER 25,  
19 SUPERVISOR KNABE REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK  
20 TO AUGUST 19TH, 2008. AND THERE'S ALSO REQUESTS FROM MEMBERS  
21 OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.

22

23 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S GOING TO BE HELD?

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON 25, IT WILL BE HELD FOR MEMBERS OF THE  
2 PUBLIC.

3

4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** OKAY. I'LL TALK THAT OVER. I'M NOT GOING TO  
5 BE HERE NEXT WEEK.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU WANT TWO WEEKS?

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** NO. NEXT WEEK IS THE DEADLINE, AND I'M NOT  
10 GOING TO BE HERE NEXT WEEK. SO I THINK JUST EVERYBODY KNOWS.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE--

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** WE COULD TALK ABOUT IT LATER.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 26, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
17 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED ONE WEEK TO  
18 AUGUST 19TH, 2008.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 48, THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
23 OFFICER REQUESTS THAT SETTLEMENT-- THE SETTLEMENT AMOUNT BE  
24 APPROVED TODAY BUT THAT THE CORRECTIVE ACTION BE CONTINUED  
25 THREE WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2008.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND THE REMAINING ITEMS UNDER THE CONSENT  
5 CALENDAR ARE BEFORE YOU.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY;  
8 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ORDINANCES FOR INTRODUCTION, ITEM 61 AND  
11 62. AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE RECORD ON BOTH OF  
12 THESE. ON ITEM NUMBER 61, THIS IS AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE  
13 1 GENERAL PROVISION OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO  
14 ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND NONCOMPLIANCE FEES FOR CODE  
15 VIOLATIONS IN TITLE 13, PUBLIC PEACE, MORALS AND WELFARE OF  
16 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE RELATING TO GRAFFITI PREVENTION,  
17 PROHIBITION AND REMOVAL. ALSO ON THIS ITEM, SUPERVISOR MOLINA  
18 REQUESTS THAT THIS ITEM BE HELD.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HOLDING.

21

22 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM NUMBER 62, THIS AN ORDINANCE  
23 AMENDING TITLE 6, SALARIES OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY CODE  
24 RELATING TO THE NURSING MANAGEMENT PAY PLAN. AND THERE IS A  
25 REQUEST FROM A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC TO HOLD THIS ITEM.



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1 SEPARATE MATTERS, AND I'LL READ THE SHORT TITLE IN FOR THE  
2 RECORD. THIS IS THE TREASURER AND TAX COLLECTOR'S  
3 RECOMMENDATION TO ADOPT RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE  
4 AND SALE OF LOS NIETOS SCHOOL DISTRICT GENERAL OBLIGATION  
5 BONDS 2008 ELECTION SERIES 2008 IN AN AGGREGATE PRINCIPAL  
6 AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$15,500,000.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WAS THAT BEING HELD?

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** NO, THAT ONE IS BEFORE YOUR BOARD.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY  
13 YAROSLAVSKY; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MISCELLANEOUS ADDITIONS TO THE AGENDA THAT  
16 WERE POSTED MORE THAN 72 HOURS IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING, AS  
17 INDICATED ON THE SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA. ON ITEM 64-A, SUPERVISOR  
18 YAROSLAVSKY AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC REQUEST THAT THIS ITEM  
19 BE HELD. ON ITEM 64-B, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH REQUESTS THAT  
20 THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED THREE WEEKS TO SEPTEMBER 2ND, 2008.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

23

24 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 64-C.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE. SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY;  
2    WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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4    **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ON ITEM 64-D, WE WILL HOLD THIS FOR A  
5    REPORT. 64-E?

6

7    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
8    YAROSLAVSKY; WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

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10   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 64-F.

11

12   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY YAROSLAVSKY;  
13   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

14

15   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 64-G.

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17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY BURKE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH;  
18   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

19

20   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 64-H.

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22   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY ANTONOVICH, SECONDED BY  
23   YAROSLAVSKY, WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. [INAUDIBLE]

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1 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** WE CAN, THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH.  
2 64-H THROUGH 64-N?

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH;  
5 WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

6

7 **CLERK:** THAT COMPLETES THE READING OF THE AGENDA. BOARD OF  
8 SUPERVISORS SPECIAL ITEMS BEGIN WITH SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT  
9 NUMBER 5.

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW I WOULD LIKE TO INTRODUCE TO THE BOARD  
12 AND OUR COMMUNITY AN INDIVIDUAL WHO DID AN OUTSTANDING  
13 RECOGNITION, AND THAT'S NICHOLAS "NICK" CVJETKOVIC, ALONG WITH  
14 HIS FATHER JOHN, HIS MOTHER DONA, AND HIS BROTHER JOHN. NICK  
15 HAPPENS TO BE A COUSIN, AS WELL. HIS GREAT GRANDFATHER AND MY  
16 GRANDFATHER ARE BROTHERS. HE HAS BEEN RECOGNIZED BY THE  
17 "PASADENA STAR-NEWS" AS THE 2008 BOYS' VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF  
18 THE YEAR FOR THE SAN GABRIEL VALLEY. HE'S A SENIOR AT ARCADIA  
19 HIGH SCHOOL, WHERE HE'S AN HONORS STUDENT, AND MEMBER OF THE  
20 BOY'S VARSITY VOLLEYBALL TEAM. HE PLAYS MIDDLE BLOCKER AND  
21 OUTSIDE HITTER. THIS PAST YEAR, HIS VERSATILITY, WHEN \_\_\_\_\_  
22 MATTERED THE MOST, AS HE HAD 14 KILLS AS AN OUTSIDE HITTER IN  
23 A THREE-GAME VICTORY OVER HOST WEST RANCH IN THE OPENING ROUND  
24 OF THE C.I.F. SOUTHERN DIVISION PLAYOFFS. HIS EFFORTS WERE  
25 EXEMPLIFIED WHAT HE MEANT TO HIS TEAM AS BEING BASICALLY, HE





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1 PLAYED THE MATCH WITH ONE HAND BECAUSE OF A THUMB INJURY THAT  
2 REQUIRED A SPLINT. IN ADDITION TO BEING NAMED THE BOYS'  
3 VOLLEYBALL PLAYER OF THE YEAR, HE HAS BEEN NAMED THE FIRST  
4 TEAM-- TO THE FIRST TEAM OF THE PACIFIC LEAGUE. HE IS ALSO AN  
5 ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY. HE SERVES AS A VOLUNTEER FOR  
6 THE BIG BROTHERS, BIG SISTERS PROGRAM. ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE  
7 ST. ANTHONY'S CROATIAN CATHOLIC CHURCH IN LOS ANGELES, AND 11  
8 YEAR MEMBER OF THE CHURCH FOLK DANCING GROUP, ALONG WITH HIS  
9 BROTHER, AND WHERE HE HAS PERFORMED IN NUMEROUS LOCATIONS BOTH  
10 HERE AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. HIS HOBBIES  
11 INCLUDING BODY SURFING, SWIMMING, PLAYING SOCCER, BASKETBALL,  
12 TENNIS AND PING PONG. SO, NICK, CONGRATULATIONS, AND WE WISH  
13 YOU MANY MORE YEARS. WE KNOW YOU'LL BE DOING MAYBE IN FOUR  
14 YEARS FROM NOW, WE'LL WATCH YOU GETTING THE GOLD AT THE  
15 OLYMPICS. [APPLAUSE.]

16  
17 **NICK CVJETKOVIC:** I JUST WANTED TO THANK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
18 AND THE BOARD FOR RECOGNIZING MY ACHIEVEMENTS. THANK YOU SO  
19 MUCH.

20  
21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BECAUSE THERE WERE NO MORE ANTONOVICHS IN THE  
22 EARLY 1700S, THE NAME, MY FAMILY NAME IS REALLY CVJETKOVIC,  
23 THEY TOOK THE NAME ANTONOVICH TO CARRY ON THE NAME. THE PAST  
24 GENERATION, A SEGMENT THE FAMILY WENT BACK TO CVJETKOVIC,  
25 WHICH MEANS FLOWER CHILD. SO I WOULD HAVE BEEN A FLOWER CHILD



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1 IF I KEPT THAT FAMILY NAME, INSTEAD OF BEING A SON OF ANTHONY,  
2 WHO DID SO MUCH WALKING AROUND DOING MISSIONARY WORK. ANYWAY,  
3 NOW WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THE J.P.L.'S PHOENIX MARS LANDER  
4 TEAM. AND THIS IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW THROUGHOUT THE  
5 COUNTY THOSE GREAT MEN AND WOMEN WHO HAVE DONE SO MUCH AT  
6 J.P.L. WE HAVE BARRY GOLDSTEIN, THE PROJECT MANAGER, ROBERT  
7 SHOTWELL, PROJECT SYSTEM MANAGER, JOE GUINN, MISSION MANAGER,  
8 MICHAEL GROSS, PAYLOAD MANAGER. DEBRA BASS, DEPUTY PROJECT  
9 SCIENTIST GARY PARKS, THE FLIGHT ASSISTANCE MANAGER, JOEL  
10 KRAJETSKI, MISSION MANAGER, AND CHRISTOPHER LEWITKY, MISSION  
11 MANAGER. THIS IS IN RECOGNITION OF THE DEDICATED WORK TO KEEP  
12 THE UNITED STATES IN THE FOREFRONT OF AERONAUTIC AND SPACE  
13 RESEARCH, AS WELL AS THE DEDICATED EFFORTS TO MAKE THE PHOENIX  
14 MARS LANDER MISSION A SUCCESS. THE JET PROPULSION LAB HAS A  
15 PROUD HISTORY, AND LA CANADA IS VERY PROUD TO HAVE THEM  
16 LOCATED IN LA CANADA, THAT EXTENDS BACK NEARLY SEVEN DECADES.  
17 SCIENTISTS AND ENGINEERS WHO HAVE MADE VITAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO  
18 OUR MILITARY AVIATION IN WORLD WAR II. THEY HELPED DEVELOP  
19 CRUCIAL BALLISTIC MISSILE TECHNOLOGY IN THE EARLY DAYS OF THE  
20 COLD WAR, LAUNCHED INTO ORBIT EXPLORER I, AMERICA'S FIRST  
21 SATELLITE, AND DESIGNED AND DEPLOYED THE VOYAGER SPACECRAFT  
22 WHICH IS NOW APPROACHING OUR SOLAR SYSTEM EDGE. EACH OF THESE  
23 HIGHLY TALENTED AND DEDICATED INDIVIDUALS TODAY HAS BEEN  
24 INSTRUMENTAL IN THE CONTINUATION OF THE QUALITY OF WORK AT  
25 J.P.L., WHICH HAS BEEN KNOWN SINCE IT WAS FOUNDED IN 1944 BY



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1 SCIENTISTS TSIEN HSUE-SHEN AND JACK PARSONS. THE PHOENIX MARS  
2 LANDER TEAM WAS CREATED TO HELP FURTHER INTERPLANETARY  
3 EXPLORATION. THIS PAST YEAR THE TEAM WAS RESPONSIBLE FOR  
4 EFFECTIVELY RETRIEVING A PAYLOAD FROM MARS OF SOIL FOR  
5 EXAMINATION ON PHOENIX MARS LANDER'S ROBOTIC MICROSCOPE  
6 STATION, WHICH IS DEVELOPED IN L.A. COUNTY. THEY SHOWCASE THE  
7 INGENUITY TO THE REST OF THE WORLD. YOU COULD DEVELOP A  
8 ROBOTIC ARM TEST SOIL ON A HARSH PLANET OVER 100 MILLION MILES  
9 AWAY, AND YET MANY PARENTS CAN'T GET THEIR CHILD TO DRINK A  
10 GLASS OF MILK AN ARM'S LENGTH AWAY. WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE  
11 INVOLVED IN THIS PROJECT FOR THEIR HARD WORK AND HOPE. THEY  
12 CONTINUE TO EXPAND THE BOUNDARIES OF HUMAN KNOWLEDGE SO THAT  
13 WE CAN UNDERSTAND MORE ABOUT THE WORLD AND THE UNIVERSE WE  
14 LIVE IN. YOU CAN KNOW THAT THE PEOPLE ALL ACROSS THE COUNTRY,  
15 INDEED ALL AROUND THE WORLD, HAVE BEEN THRILLED AND INSPIRED  
16 BY YOUR WORK. YOU CAN IMAGINE FROM HERE YOU CAN TELL A LITTLE  
17 ROBOT, IS THERE A GLASS OF WATER UP THERE ON THE MOON-- I  
18 SHOULD SAY ON MARS-- AND FIND OUT THAT THERE IS WATER THERE IS  
19 REMARKABLE. SO LET ME GIVE THIS PROCLAMATION TO J.P.L. FOR THE  
20 WONDERFUL JOB YOU'VE DONE AND ARE DOING AND WILL CONTINUE TO  
21 DO FOR OUR NATION AND THE WORLD. [APPLAUSE.]

22

23 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF THE PHOENIX PROJECT AND THE JET  
24 PROPULSION LABORATORY, I'D LIKE TO THANK YOU FOR THIS GREAT



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1 HONOR. WE REALLY APPRECIATE IT. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

2 [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SPEAKER:** YEAH, I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT WE HAD SOME PRETTY KEY  
5 PARTNERS. THERE'S A CAST OF THOUSANDS BEHIND US THAT I WANT TO  
6 THANK. OUR PARTNERS WERE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA AND LOCKHEED  
7 MARTIN IN DENVER, COLORADO. THANK YOU.

8

9 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ANYBODY ELSE? THIS IS LIKE THE ACADEMY  
10 AWARDS. [LAUGHTER.] OKAY. WE DON'T HAVE MUSIC TO PLAY.

11

12 **SPEAKER:** WE DON'T LIKE SPEAKING, SO THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THROUGH FOR THE WONDERFUL JOB. [APPLAUSE.]

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16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NOW WE'RE GOING TO RECOGNIZE A WONDERFUL  
17 PROGRAM THAT MANY OF US HAVE BEEN INVOLVED WITH, CALLED THE  
18 JUNIOR STATESMAN FOUNDATION, WHERE THESE YOUNG MEN AND WOMEN  
19 FROM OUR COMMUNITY HIGH SCHOOLS ARE ABLE TO MEET AND INTERACT  
20 WITH THE VARIOUS PUBLIC OFFICIALS WITHIN OUR COUNTY. WE HAVE  
21 JAMES LEE WHO IS THE DIRECTOR OF ALUMNI RELATIONS AND  
22 DEVELOPMENT OF THE JUNIOR STATESMAN'S FOUNDATION, JESSICA  
23 BRAHU, THE ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR OF SUMMER PROGRAMS, IN  
24 RECOGNITION OF THE 32ND ANNUAL JUNIOR STATESMAN'S FOUNDATION  
25 SYMPOSIUM ON LOS ANGELES MEDIA AND POLITICS. LAST MONTH WE



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1 CELEBRATED THE 232ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE DECLARATION OF  
2 INDEPENDENCE, REMINDING US ONCE AGAIN THAT THE UNITED STATES  
3 IS FOUNDED ON THE RADICAL IDEA THAT ORDINARY MEN AND WOMEN DO  
4 NOT NEED KINGS OR NOBLEMEN TO TELL US HOW TO GOVERN OURSELVES.  
5 THEIR PRESENCE HERE THIS MORNING AND YOUR PARTICIPATION AND  
6 SUPPORT OF THE JUNIOR STATESMAN'S PROGRAM TELLS EVERYONE THAT,  
7 AS AMERICANS, ALL OF US CAN HAVE, AND INDEED ALL OF US SHOULD  
8 HAVE, A SAY IN THE WORKINGS OF OUR GOVERNMENT. EVERY ONE OF  
9 YOU HERE TODAY HAVE STRONG IDEAS ABOUT HOW OUR GOVERNMENT  
10 OUGHT TO OPERATE AND WHAT OUR SOCIETY OUGHT TO LOOK LIKE. EACH  
11 OF YOU HAS THE OBLIGATION TO STEP UP TO THE PLATE AND JOIN THE  
12 WORK IN MAKING THIS KIND OF A COUNTRY IN WHICH WE ALL WANT TO  
13 LIVE. UNFORTUNATELY TOO MANY YOUNG PEOPLE FEEL DISCONNECTED. A  
14 RECENT SURVEY FOUND THAT YOUNGER AMERICANS VOTE LESS THAN  
15 OTHERS BECAUSE THEY HAVE LOWER LEVELS OF SOCIAL TRUST AND LESS  
16 KNOWLEDGE OF POLITICAL AFFAIRS. THE STUDY ALSO FOUND THAT  
17 YOUNG AMERICANS DO WANT A POSITIVE IMPACT IN THEIR  
18 COMMUNITIES. IN FACT, NEARLY 70 PERCENT REPORTED THAT THEY  
19 VOLUNTEERED FOR SOME KIND OF CIVIC OR CHARITABLE ACTIVITY. BUT  
20 TOO MANY REGARD POLITICS AND GOVERNMENT AS AN EFFECTIVE WAY OF  
21 MAKING A DIFFERENCE, AND WE'RE VERY GLAD THAT THESE YOUNG MEN  
22 AND WOMEN HERE TODAY DISAGREE WITH THAT PERSPECTIVE. SO AT  
23 THIS TIME WE WANT TO RECOGNIZE THEM, WELCOME THEM, AND GIVE  
24 THEM THIS PROCLAMATION AND WISH THEM MANY, MANY MORE YEARS OF



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1 PARTICIPATION IN LEARNING ABOUT THEIR LOCAL GOVERNMENT, STATE  
2 AND FEDERAL, AS WELL. SO, JUNIOR STATESMEN? [APPLAUSE.]

3

4 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF THE JUNIOR STATESMAN FOUNDATION, WE'RE  
5 SINCERELY GRATEFUL FOR THIS COMMENDATION AND HOPE TO CONTINUE  
6 TO DISCUSS STATE AND LOCAL AND COUNTY POLITICS WITH HIGH  
7 SCHOOL STUDENTS FOR YEARS TO CONTINUE. THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

8

9 **SPEAKER:** I WANT TO THANK THE SUPERVISOR FOR HIS YEARS OF  
10 SUPPORT FOR OUR PROGRAM. WE'VE BEEN AROUND FOR 75 YEARS AND  
11 BEEN RUNNING THIS PROGRAM IN LOS ANGELES FOR 32 YEARS. AND FOR  
12 OVER 20 OF THOSE YEARS, SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH HAS BEEN A  
13 SUPPORTER AND A VERY WELL-REGARDED CHAMPION OF OUR CAUSE. SO  
14 THANK YOU VERY MUCH, SUPERVISOR. [APPLAUSE.]

15

16 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHY DON'T YOU STAND UP? THEY'RE IN THE BACK  
17 OF THE ROOM THERE. ALL OF THEM STAND UP FOR RECOGNITION. THESE  
18 ARE ALL THE JUNIOR STATESMEN. THEY ALSO INCLUDE ALONG WITH  
19 L.A. COUNTY, SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY, ORANGE COUNTY, VENTURA  
20 COUNTY AND SAN BERNARDINO COUNTY. [APPLAUSE.] NOW WE HAVE A  
21 BROTHER, SISTER THAT ARE 12 WEEKS OLD, MATTIE AND BOSCO, WHO  
22 ARE COCKER SPANIEL MIXES HERE. THEY COME AS A SET, OR IF YOU  
23 WANT TO BREAK UP THE SET, YOU COULD ADOPT ONE INDIVIDUALLY.  
24 YOU CAN CALL 562-728-4644 AND YOU CAN ADOPT MATTIE AND BOSCO,  
25 BROTHER AND SISTER. THEY CAN BE ADOPTED AND GIVE YOU LOVING





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1 KISSES, LOVE AND JOY. THEY'RE ONLY COCKER MIX. JUST LIKE A  
2 COCKER, LIKE A COCKER SPANIEL. YOU HAVE TO CHECK THE PLUMBING.  
3 I DON'T HAVE THAT VISION. THAT'S THE LITTLE GIRL. THAT'S THE  
4 LITTLE BOY. GOING TO BREAK UP THE FAMILY.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA, DO YOU HAVE  
7 PRESENTATIONS? OKAY. YOU ARE JOINT WITH THIS. I'D LIKE TO CALL  
8 FORWARD D.C.F.S. CAREER DEVELOPMENT INTERN PROGRAM GRADUATES  
9 AND ALSO TED MYER, THE CHIEF DEPUTY DIRECTOR OF D.C.F.S. AND  
10 THE GRADUATES, VALENCIA ALLEN, VANESSA ANTILLON, AJEENAH  
11 BOATNER, HAZEL DOTSON, MELISSA HEBRARD, LUIS HERNANDEZ  
12 LAKEISHA MCKENZIE, TARRILYN PERRY, VINCENT TAPSCOTT, MARGUITA  
13 THOMAS. QUNAE WILKERSON AND ELBONY HENDERSON. THE D.C.F.S.  
14 CAREER DEVELOPMENT INTERN PROGRAM WAS IMPLEMENTED IN JUNE OF  
15 2006 SERVING UP TO 30 FOSTER YOUTH. THE PROGRAM CONSISTS OF ON  
16 THE JOB TRAINING AND CLASSROOM TRAINING. THE TRAINING IS  
17 DESIGNED TO HELP THE INTERNS DEVELOP THE SKILLS, KNOWLEDGE AND  
18 ABILITY TO PERFORM SUCCESSFULLY IN CLERICAL POSITIONS WITHIN  
19 THE COUNTY. DURING THE INTERNSHIP, THE INTERNS ARE ALSO ABLE  
20 TO ESTABLISH COMPETENCIES IN THE AREA OF WORK SKILLS, LIFE  
21 SKILLS AND CAREER PLANNING SKILLS. THEY ARE ALSO ABLE TO  
22 IDENTIFY AND ACHIEVE PERSONAL GOALS. THE PROGRAM LASTS UP TO  
23 24 MONTHS. IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PRESENT THE  
24 FOLLOWING SCROLLS TO THE RECENT GRADUATES OF D.C.F.S. CAREER  
25 DEVELOPMENT INTERN PROGRAM. FIRST VALENCIA ALLEN, AND I'M



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1 GOING TO HAVE TO FIND YOUR SCROLL. OKAY, I'LL PUT THIS HERE  
2 CLOSE BY. VALENCIA ALLEN, WHERE ARE YOU? RIGHT HERE, OKAY.  
3 THANK YOU. AND I HAD ANTILLON. I HAVE TO SAY MORE ABOUT  
4 VANESSA. VALENCIA, WE HAVE TO TALK MORE ABOUT YOU. SHE  
5 COMPLETED HER INTERNSHIP AT D.C.F.S. COMMAND POST AND WAS  
6 PERMANENTLY HIRED THERE AS A MEMBER OF THE CLERICAL STAFF. SHE  
7 CURRENTLY ATTENDS EL CAMINO COLLEGE AND PLANS TO ATTEND A  
8 FOUR-YEAR COLLEGE TO EARN A DEGREE IN SOCIAL WORK.  
9 CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.] VANESSA ANTILLON,  
10 COMPLETED HER INTERNSHIP AT D.C.F.S. METRO NORTH OFFICE AND  
11 SHE HAS BEEN ASSIGNED THERE PERMANENTLY AS A MEMBER OF THE  
12 CLERICAL STAFF. HER GOALS ARE TO EARN A B.A. DEGREE IN  
13 PSYCHOLOGY AND A MASTERS IN SOCIAL SCIENCE. CONGRATULATIONS TO  
14 YOU, VANESSA. [APPLAUSE.] AJEENAH BOATNER. AM I PRONOUNCING  
15 THAT RIGHT? AJEENAH. COME OVER HERE. AND SHE COMPLETED HER  
16 INTERNSHIP IN THE YOUTH SERVICE DIVISION. SHE'S BEEN ASSIGNED  
17 PERMANENTLY TO PROVIDE CLERICAL SUPPORT AT WIRE RIDGE OFFICE.  
18 HER GOAL IS TO BECOME AN ACTRESS.

19

20 **AJEENAH BOATNER:** I'M GOING TO BE AN ACTRESS.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. SHE'S GOING TO BE AN ACTRESS.

23 [APPLAUSE.] HAZEL DOTSON.

24

25 **SPEAKER:** SHE'S NOT HERE.



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**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SHE'S NOT HERE. OKAY. THE NEXT PERSON, BUT  
WE HAVE TO SAY SHE WAS AT D.C.F.S. H.R. DIVISION. SHE'S BEEN  
HIRED PERMANENTLY. SHE'S PROBABLY AT WORK. SHE WANTS TO BECOME  
A PSYCHOLOGIST. [APPLAUSE.] MELISSA HEBRARD. SHE COMPLETED HER  
INTERNSHIP AT D.C.F.S. CHATSWORTH OFFICE AND HAS BEEN HIRED AS  
A PERMANENT MEMBER OF THE CLERICAL STAFF. SHE'S EARNED HER  
A.A. AND PLANS TO EARN HER B.A. AND CONTINUE TO WORK IN AN  
ORGANIZATION THAT PROVIDES SERVICES TO FAMILIES AND CHILDREN.  
CONGRATULATIONS.

11

**MELISSA HEBRARD:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

13

**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. LUIS HERNANDEZ.

15

**SPEAKER:** NOT HERE.

17

**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** HE'S NOT HERE. LET ME TELL YOU A LITTLE BIT  
ABOUT LUIS HERNANDEZ. HE COMPLETED HIS INTERNSHIP AT GLENDORA  
AND HE IS AN A.S.E. CERTIFICATION TO REPAIR CARS, WHICH IS HIS  
HOBBY. LAKEISHA MCKENZIE.

22

**LAKEISHA MCKENZIE:** RIGHT HERE.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I PRONOUNCED IT RIGHT. SHE COMPLETED  
2    HER INTERNSHIP AT D.C.F.S. SANTA FE SPRINGS. SHE'S BEEN HIRED  
3    PERMANENTLY AT THE VERMONT CORRIDOR OFFICE. HER GOAL IS TO  
4    EARN A PH.D. IN A HUMAN SERVICE FIELD, AFTER EARNING HER B.A.  
5    IN SOCIAL WORK AND A MASTERS' IN HUMAN SERVICES.  
6    CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU, LAKEISHA. [APPLAUSE.] SO PLEASED TO  
7    HAVE THESE GREAT COUNTY WORKERS. TARRILYN PERRY. SHE COMPLETED  
8    HER INTERNSHIP AT THE POMONA OFFICE AND HAS BEEN HIRED  
9    PERMANENTLY THERE TO PROVIDE CLERICAL SUPPORT. SHE WOULD LIKE  
10   TO EARN A DEGREE IN NURSING BECAUSE HER ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO  
11   BECOME A NEONATAL NURSE. CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU. [APPLAUSE.]  
12   VINCENT TAPSCOTT, HE'S NOT HERE. MARGUITA THOMAS. NOT HERE.  
13   QUNAE WILKERSON IS NOT HERE, EITHER. WE WANT TO SAY  
14   CONGRATULATIONS, AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO HAVING YOU AS COUNTY  
15   EMPLOYEES A LONG TIME. THERE'S ONE MORE PERSON. ELBONY  
16   HENDERSON. SHE COMPLETED HER INTERNSHIP WORKING IN THE YOUTH  
17   DEVELOPMENT SERVICE DIVISION. SHE'S BEEN HIRED AS AN  
18   EDUCATIONAL CONSULTANT WITH THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT.  
19   SHE HOLDS A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION FROM  
20   TUSKEGEE UNIVERSITY. SHE PLANS TO EARN HER M.S.W. AND TO WORK  
21   AS A COUNSELOR WITH HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS. SHE ENJOYS  
22   TRAVELING, READING, WORKING WITH FOSTER YOUTH, AND SPENDING  
23   TIME WITH HER FAMILY. SO BEST WISHES TO YOU. IT'S A PLEASURE  
24   TO HAVE YOU JOINING OUR COUNTY WORKFORCE. [APPLAUSE.]



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1 CONGRATULATIONS. WE'LL TAKE A GROUP PHOTO. ARE YOU GOING TO  
2 SAY A FEW WORDS?

3

4 **SPEAKER:** ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CHILDREN AND FAMILY  
5 SERVICES AND OUR DIRECTOR, TRISH PLOEHN, I'D LIKE TO THANK THE  
6 BOARD, AND MADAME CHAIR, FOR YOUR SUPPORT OF OUR C.D.I.  
7 PROGRAM. THESE YOUNG PEOPLE ARE OUTSTANDING EXAMPLES OF WHAT  
8 OUR INVESTMENT IN OUR FOSTER YOUTH AS WELL AS THEIR WORK ETHIC  
9 AND THEIR GREAT ATTITUDE. THEY HAVE TERRIFIC REPUTATIONS  
10 WITHIN OUR DEPARTMENTS, AND I WISH THEM THE VERY BEST.  
11 [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD-- IT LOOKS LIKE I  
14 LOST THE TOP OF THE MICROPHONE. BUT I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD  
15 THE NATIONAL COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTER REPRESENTATIVE, GLORIA  
16 RODRIGUEZ, LUIS MCCARTHY OF C.C.A.L.A.C., CARL COHEN OF EISNER  
17 PEDIATRIC AND FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER. JAN HAMILTON-LEE OF SOUTH  
18 BAY FAMILY HEALTH CENTER, BILL HOBSON OF WATTS HEALTHCARE  
19 CORPORATION. ANNETTE NISHEN OF ALL FOR HEALTH, DR. DAVID  
20 MARTIN AND GRACE SIESSEN OF T.H.E., JOHN ANDREWS OF AMERICAN  
21 INDIAN HEALING CENTER. HIK GUPTA OF MISSION CITY COMMUNITY  
22 NETWORK, IRENE HOGAN OF ARROYO VISTA FAMILY HEALTH CENTER. WE  
23 HAVE ALL OF OUR GREAT P.P.S HERE. DR. ALISA NICHOLS OF THE  
24 CHILDREN'S CLINIC SERVING CHILDREN AND FAMILIES. FRANKLIN  
25 GONZALES OF NORTHWEST COMMUNITY CLINIC, JEFF BUHER OF SABAN



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1 FREE CLINIC. AND AL BALLESTEROS OF J.W.C.H. INSTITUTE. THE  
2 NATIONAL HEALTH CENTER WEEK, 2008, CELEBRATES THE HEALTH  
3 CENTER HEROES AT OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS. AND WE HAVE  
4 GREAT HEALTH CENTERS. AND WE REALLY APPRECIATE, BECAUSE YOU  
5 ARE OUR BACKBONE. YOU KNOW, WE CAN'T MAKE IT WITHOUT THESE  
6 WONDERFUL PARTNERS. THERE ARE CURRENTLY 56 MILLION AMERICANS,  
7 MANY OF WHOM HAVE HEALTH INSURANCE THAT LACK ACCESS TO BASIC  
8 HEALTHCARE BECAUSE THEY LIVE IN COMMUNITIES WHERE THERE IS AN  
9 ACUTE SHORTAGE OF PRIMARY CARE PROVIDERS. LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
10 COMMUNITY HEALTH CENTERS SERVE NEARLY 1 MILLION PATIENTS,  
11 PROVIDE OVER 2 MILLION ENCOUNTERS EACH YEAR. THESE NUMBERS  
12 CONTINUE TO CLIMB, AS LOCAL HOSPITALS ARE FACED WITH CLOSURE,  
13 AND OVER 75 PERCENT OF TREATED PATIENTS ARE UNINSURED.  
14 CALIFORNIA HEALTH CENTERS SEE 65 PERCENT OF THOSE UNINSURED,  
15 AND U.S. HEALTH CENTERS SEE 40 PERCENT OF UNINSURED PATIENTS.  
16 OUR COMMUNITY HEALTH CLINICS AND HEALTH CENTERS TREAT A  
17 DISPROPORTIONATE SHARE OF 2.1 MILLION UNINSURED PATIENTS IN  
18 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT'S WITH GREAT PLEASURE THAT I PROCLAIM  
19 THIS WEEK OF AUGUST 10TH THROUGH THE 16TH AS NATIONAL  
20 COMMUNITY HEALTH WEEK IN RECOGNITION OF THE CONTRIBUTION OUR  
21 CLINICS MAKE TO HEALTH OF THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY.  
22 THANK YOU SO MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

23

24 **SPEAKER:** WELL, THANK YOU, SUPERVISORS. AS YOU KNOW, WE ARE  
25 VERY PLEASED TO BE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BOARD OF





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1 SUPERVISORS AND THE COUNTY IN PROVIDING CARE TO THE  
2 UNDERSERVED AND UNINSURED HERE IN L.A. COUNTY THROUGH OUR  
3 PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP. AND THAT PROGRAM HAS REALLY  
4 ALLOWED US TO EXPAND THE SYSTEM HERE IN L.A. SO WE CONTINUE TO  
5 THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR SUPPORT.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND WE HOPE TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT YOU.

8

9 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU.

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S VERY IMPORTANT TO US. AS I LEAVE,  
12 RIGHT? [LAUGHTER.]

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THAT'S RIGHT. I MAKE ALL KINDS OF  
15 COMMITMENTS. I'D LIKE TO CALL FORWARD 2008 SYBIL BRAND  
16 COMMISSION RECIPIENTS AND, COMMISSIONERS, JASMINE AVIA FROM  
17 THE FIRST DISTRICT, BRIAN QUINTEROS, SECOND DISTRICT, TREVION  
18 MIXION AND COURTNEY NASH, FOURTH DISTRICT. I GUESS I WILL  
19 INTRODUCE-- THIS IS THE SECOND YEAR THAT THE COMMISSION IS  
20 AWARDING SCHOLARSHIPS TO DESERVING STUDENTS. LAST YEAR, TWO  
21 STUDENTS WERE IDENTIFIED AT LOS ANGELES TRADE TECH COLLEGE.  
22 AGAIN THIS YEAR TWO STUDENTS WERE IDENTIFIED FROM TRADE TECH,  
23 IN ADDITION TO THE TWO MORE FROM GROUP HOME VISITS. I'LL BEGIN  
24 BY INTRODUCING MY DISTRICT'S HONOREES, BRIAN QUINTEROS. BRIAN?  
25 [APPLAUSE.] HERE'S BRIAN.



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2 **BRIAN QUINTEROS:** HELLO.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COME OVER HERE, BRIAN. HE IS MAJORING IN  
5 CULINARY ARTS. HE ASPIRES TO BECOME A FINANCIAL PROVIDER FOR  
6 HIMSELF AND HIS FAMILY. HE HAS VOLUNTEERED AT VARIOUS  
7 COMMUNITY EVENTS, INCLUDING THE WATTS HOLIDAY GIVE-AWAY AND  
8 FOOD BANK. HE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN MANY COMMUNITY FORUMS WHERE  
9 HE'S MET WITH COMMUNITY MEMBERS EXPRESSING TO THEM THE  
10 IMPORTANCE OF PROGRAMS TO GIVE OFFENDERS A SECOND CHANCE.  
11 CONGRATULATIONS, BRIAN. IT IS A PLEASURE TO RECOGNIZE YOU  
12 TODAY FOR YOUR DEDICATION TO OVERALL LIFESTYLE CHANGES. YOU'RE  
13 A STELLAR VOLUNTEER. WE WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR PURSUIT OF YOUR  
14 PERSONAL GOALS AND YOUR CAREER GOALS IN THE FIELD OF CULINARY  
15 ARTS. [APPLAUSE.]

16

17 **BRIAN QUINTEROS:** THANK YOU. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'RE GOING TO TAKE A PICTURE. I THINK  
20 SUPERVISOR MOLINA GOES NEXT.

21

22 **SUP. MOLINA:** OKAY. FOR THE FIRST DISTRICT, WE ARE VERY PROUD.  
23 OUR RECIPIENT IS JASMINE AVILA, A YOUNG WOMAN WHO HAS SHOWN A  
24 GREAT DEAL OF DEDICATION AND PERSEVERANCE. JASMINE CURRENTLY  
25 WORKS FOR MUJERES Y HOMBRES NOBLES IN THE PRINCIPAL



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1 ADMINISTRATION UNIT IN L.A. COUNTY'S OFFICE OF EDUCATION  
2 RESOURCE SPECIALIST PROGRAM. JASMINE ASPIRES TO ATTEND  
3 COMMUNITY COLLEGE AND TAKE CLASSES IN COSMETOLOGY AS WELL AS  
4 NURSING AND SHE HAS PLANS TO OBTAIN AN ASSOCIATE OF ARTS  
5 DEGREE AND A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE IN NURSING HOPEFULLY FROM  
6 U.C.L.A., AS PLANNED. WE CONGRATULATE HER ON ALL HER  
7 ACHIEVEMENTS. THIS IS A WONDERFUL SCHOLARSHIP. I'M SO PROUD TO  
8 BE JOINED BY MY COMMISSIONERS, WHO ARE HERE. I WISH THEY'D  
9 STEP UP SO WE CAN ALL TAKE A PICTURE TOGETHER. WE'RE VERY,  
10 VERY PROUD. CONGRATULATIONS, JASMINE. DO YOU WANT TO SAY  
11 ANYTHING? ALL RIGHT.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR KNABE? WE WILL GET A  
14 BIG PHOTO AT THE END.

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16 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. IT'S MY PRIVILEGE AND  
17 HONOR. WE HAVE TWO FOURTH DISTRICT OUTSTANDING RECIPIENTS OF  
18 THESE SCHOLARSHIPS. FIRST OF ALL, I'D LIKE TO ASK TRAVION  
19 MIXION TO JOIN ME UP HERE. TRAVION IS PART OF THE LOS ANGELES  
20 YOUTH OPPORTUNITY MOVEMENT. HE IS A FULL-TIME STUDENT  
21 ATTENDING LOS ANGELES TRADE TECH. HE HAS RECEIVED HIS  
22 FORKLIFTING LICENSE AND IS CURRENTLY ENROLLED IN THE PLUMBING  
23 PROGRAM IMPROVEMENT OCCUPATION FOR G.E.D. PREPARATION. HE HAS  
24 DISPLAYED LEADERSHIP, COMMITMENT AND A WILLINGNESS TO TAKE  
25 CHARGE OF HIS FUTURE. HE HAS ALSO COMPLETED A 50-HOUR



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1 COMMUNITY SERVICE INTERNSHIP AND HAS VOLUNTEERED IN MANY  
2 COMMUNITY AND HOLIDAY EVENTS. SO WE'RE VERY PROUD OF TRAVION  
3 AND WE WANT TO CONGRATULATE HIM AND WISH HIM THE BEST IN ALL  
4 OF HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS. [APPLAUSE.] NEXT, OUR HONOREE IS  
5 COURTNEY NASH. I UNDERSTAND THAT SHE IS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND,  
6 BUT WE HAVE HER COUSIN, RUBY SHELBY MACKEY WHO IS GOING TO  
7 REPRESENT HER. COURTNEY IS A STELLAR STUDENT. SHE ATTENDS  
8 MANUEL DOMINGUES HIGH SCHOOL. SHE IS VERY INVOLVED IN SEVERAL  
9 LEADERSHIP AND CHARACTER BUILDING GROUPS. AND IS ENROLLED IN  
10 THE BLACK EYED PEAS MUSIC AND ARTS ACADEMY. SHE HAS UNDERTAKEN  
11 MANY DUTIES SUCH AS A.S.B. TREASURER, A PRIVATE TUTOR AND PEER  
12 COUNSELOR MENTOR. SHE PLANS TO ATTAIN HER BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN  
13 RECORDING ARTS TECHNOLOGY FROM LOYOLA MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY AND  
14 TO CONTINUE ON WITH A MASTERS' DEGREE IN EDUCATION,  
15 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS OR ENGINEERING AT THE UNIVERSITY OF  
16 MIAMI. SO SHE'S GOT A GREAT FUTURE AHEAD OF HER. WE WISH  
17 COURTNEY THE VERY BEST. RUBY, IF YOU'D PASS THAT ON TO HER,  
18 WE'D APPRECIATE IT.

19  
20 **RUBY MACKEY:** THANK YOU. [APPLAUSE.]

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I'D LIKE TO ASK BOB ERLENBUSCH  
23 TO COME FORWARD. COULD WE HAVE SOME ORDER IN THE ROOM? THANKS.



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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD WE ASK ALL OF THE PEOPLE WHO ARE  
2    LEAVING TO PLEASE LEAVE QUIETLY OR HAVE A SEAT.

3

4    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** TODAY IT'S MY PRIVILEGE TO PRESENT A  
5    PROCLAMATION SIGNED BY ALL FIVE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF  
6    SUPERVISORS TO BOB ERLENBUSCH, WHO FOR THE PAST 18 YEARS HAS  
7    SERVED AS THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE LOS ANGELES COALITION  
8    TO END HUNGER AND HOMELESSNESS HERE IN LOS ANGELES. BOB  
9    RECENTLY ANNOUNCED THAT AFTER 25 YEARS OF PROTESTS AND MARCHES  
10   AND ADVOCACY AND WORK ON HOMELESS ISSUES, THAT HE WILL BE  
11   LEAVING LOS ANGELES TO GET MARRIED IN OCTOBER AND START A NEW  
12   LIFE IN SACRAMENTO. HIS LAST DAY AT THE COALITION WILL BE  
13   AUGUST 29TH OF THIS YEAR. HE PLANS TO STAY ACTIVE AS PRESIDENT  
14   OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE NATIONAL COALITION FOR THE  
15   HOMELESS AND HOPES TO EITHER WORK OR VOLUNTEER WITH HOMELESS  
16   ADVOCACY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SACRAMENTO AREA. WHEN HE BEGAN  
17   WITH THE COALITION, THEY HAD A BANK ACCOUNT OF \$2,000 AND  
18   VIRTUALLY NO CREDIT LINE. DR. MICHAEL KUZINO, EXECUTIVE  
19   DIRECTOR OF THE HOMELESS HEALTHCARE L.A., TOOK THE COALITION  
20   UNDER HIS WING, UNTIL THE COALITION TO END HUNGER AND  
21   HOMELESSNESS WAS ORGANIZATIONALLY ABLE TO STAND ON ITS OWN TWO  
22   FEET. TODAY BOB ERLENBUSCH CLAIMS THAT THE L.A. COALITION HAS  
23   BECOME THE LARGEST-- THIS IS HIS CLAIM, I THINK IT'S A PRETTY  
24   GOOD CLAIM, I THINK IT'S ACCURATE-- THAT THE L.A. COALITION  
25   HAS BECOME THE LARGEST LOCAL HOMELESS ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION IN



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1 THE NATION. HE'S BEEN A GUIDING FORCE TO ENSURE THAT THE  
2 COALITION STAYS ON THE LEADING EDGE OF PUBLIC POLICY WORK IN  
3 THE INTERTWINED FIELDS OF CIVIL RIGHTS, CIVIC PARTICIPATION,  
4 REDEVELOPMENT AND GENTRIFICATION. WHEN YOU GET TO BE MY AGE,  
5 BOB, YOU'LL UNDERSTAND TRIFOCALS. I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT.  
6 WELFARE REFORM, ANTI HUNGER ISSUES, GENERAL RELIEF, DISCHARGE  
7 PLANNING, LONG-RANGE PLANNING AND NOW FORECLOSURE RELIEF,  
8 SADLY A NEW AREA OF ENDEAVOR FOR THE COALITION. BOB AND THE  
9 COALITION HAVE NEVER WAVERED IN DEFENSE OF THEIR VALUES AND  
10 THEIR PRINCIPLES, THAT DECENT HOUSING IS A BASIC HUMAN RIGHT,  
11 THAT ENDING AND PREVENTING HOMELESSNESS IS NOT ONLY POSSIBLE  
12 BUT ESSENTIAL AND THAT POLICYMAKERS AND PUBLIC OFFICIALS MUST  
13 BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE TOWARD THAT END. AS WE SAID, HE'S OPENING  
14 A NEW CHAPTER IN HIS LIFE UP NORTH IN SACRAMENTO. I THINK ALL  
15 OF US ON THE BOARD WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO  
16 CONGRATULATE YOU AND TO THANK YOU, BOB, FOR YOUR YEARS OF  
17 SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE WHO MOST NEEDED A VOICE, FOR WHOM YOU  
18 HAVE BEEN A VOICE AND AN ADVOCATE. SOMETIMES IT WASN'T PRETTY,  
19 BUT IT WAS ALWAYS NECESSARY. AND THE THING WE ALWAYS RESPECTED  
20 ABOUT YOU IN OUR OFFICE, AND I KNOW THAT MY COLLEAGUES SHARE  
21 THIS VIEW, IS THAT YOU NEVER DID IT FOR YOURSELF. IT WAS NEVER  
22 ABOUT YOU. IT WAS ABOUT THE PEOPLE YOU REPRESENTED. AND YOU  
23 NEVER FORGOT WHO THEY WERE. AS A RESULT, I THINK YOU CAN LOOK  
24 BACK AT YOUR ALMOST TWO DECADES HERE IN LOS ANGELES IN THE  
25 ROLE YOU PLAYED AND BE ABLE TO DECLARE THAT YOU HAVE MADE A





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1 DIFFERENCE FOR THE HOMELESS, FOR THE MOST MARGINAL,  
2 ECONOMICALLY MARGINAL, AMONG OTHERS WHO ARE MARGINAL AMONG US  
3 HERE IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. SO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF LOS  
4 ANGELES COUNTY HEREBY HIGHLY COMMEND BOB ERLENBUSCH FOR HIS  
5 TIRELESS AND DEDICATED ADVOCACY ON BEHALF OF SOCIETY'S LEAST  
6 FORTUNATE INDIVIDUALS, AND HE'S EXTENDED SINCERE BEST WISHES  
7 FOR SUCCESS AND FULFILLMENT IN ALL OF HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS.  
8 SO, BOB, COME ON UP HERE AND ACCEPT THIS. [APPLAUSE.]

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10 **BOB ERLENBUSCH:** WELL, IT REALLY MEANS A LOT TO HAVE MY SON  
11 HERE AND MY CO-WORKERS, AARON, HI, AARON. LAURA, COOKIE.

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13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STAND UP.

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15 **BOB ERLENBUSCH:** AND MY SON KAJ. [APPLAUSE.]

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17 **BOB ERLENBUSCH:** IF ANYBODY WOULD HAVE TOLD ME 25 YEARS AGO  
18 THAT I'D STILL BE WORKING ON HOMELESS ISSUES FOR A QUARTER OF  
19 A CENTURY, I WOULD HAVE SAID YOU'RE CRAZY. BUT I WISH IT WAS  
20 TRUE THAT WE LIVED UP TO OUR MISSION TO END HOMELESSNESS, BUT  
21 I THINK IT'S REALLY IMPORTANT THAT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
22 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS STEPPED UP WITH THE HOMELESS  
23 PREVENTION INITIATIVE, AND I HOPE THAT YOU CONTINUE THAT  
24 INITIATIVE. NOT ONLY AT 100 MILLION BUT TO REALLY INCREASE IT  
25 TO SCALE. WE NEED, IN LOS ANGELES, BETWEEN THE CITY AND THE



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1 COUNTY, ABOUT \$1 BILLION A YEAR TO END AND PREVENT  
2 HOMELESSNESS. AND SO WHAT WE'RE DOING NOW IS A DROP IN THE  
3 BUCKET COMPARED TO WHAT WE COULD DO. AND EVEN THOUGH I WON'T  
4 BE IN LOS ANGELES, I'LL BE READING THE L.A. TIMES EVERY DAY.  
5 SO THANK YOU. IT MEANS A LOT TO ME, THANK YOU. WE'VE HAD OUR  
6 DIFFERENCES OVER THE LAST 25 YEARS, BOTH IN THE CITY COUNCIL  
7 AND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, BUT, YOU KNOW, OVER THE LAST FEW  
8 YEARS, THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS HAS REALLY STEPPED UP. AND I'M  
9 REALLY PROUD OF THAT. AND I HOPE THAT YOU CONTINUE THAT. AND  
10 WHOEVER MY SUCCESSOR IS WILL CONTINUE TO SEE THAT THROUGH. SO  
11 THANK YOU VERY MUCH. [APPLAUSE.]

12

13 **SUP. MOLINA:** I WANT TO SAY SOMETHING ONLY BECAUSE WORKING WITH  
14 BOB HAS BEEN VERY INTERESTING. HE CERTAINLY HAS CHALLENGED US  
15 THROUGHOUT THE YEARS. WHOEVER IS GOING TO TAKE ON THIS  
16 RESPONSIBILITY IN THE FUTURE IS GOING TO BE A VERY, VERY TOUGH  
17 JOB. WE ARE A TOUGH GROUP TO DEAL WITH ON SOME OF THESE ISSUES  
18 THAT REQUIRE SO MUCH RESOURCES. BUT BOB IS ALWAYS THERE, A  
19 TRUE ADVOCATE. I REALLY ADMIRE AND RESPECT THE WORK THAT YOU  
20 DO. AND IT'S BEEN A PLEASURE TO WORK WITH YOU, SIR.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ABSOLUTELY. AND BEST WISHES ON YOUR  
23 MARRIAGE.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I HAVE ONE MORE PRESENTATION,  
2    IF I CAN CALL UP HIGHWELL SIMMS, BRUCE MAYHALL, MICHAEL  
3    LEHMAN, BRAD FEWER, TIM MORRISON, NORGA YIP. RUBY VASSER,  
4    CHRIS VERDUGO AND DOMINIC GREGORIO, ALL REPRESENTING THE GAY  
5    MEN'S CHORUS WHO ARE CELEBRATING AN IMPORTANT MILESTONE. HOW  
6    ARE YOU ALL? THE GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF LOS ANGELES WAS  
7    ESTABLISHED IN JULY 1979, IN WHAT WAS THEN THE UNINCORPORATED  
8    COUNTY AREA OF WEST HOLLYWOOD, BY A SMALL GROUP OF MEN EAGER  
9    TO GIVE VOICE TO A HISTORICALLY MARGINALIZED BUT INCREASINGLY  
10    VISIBLE ACTIVE PART OF THE LOS ANGELES SOCIAL AND POLITICAL  
11    COMMUNITY. THE GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF LOS ANGELES, WITHIN ONLY  
12    THREE MONTHS OF THEIR FLEDGLING ORGANIZING MEETING AND MAIDEN  
13    REHEARSAL, FOUND THEMSELVES PERFORMING IN CONCERT AT THE  
14    WASHINGTON MEMORIAL FOR AN AUDIENCE NUMBERING MORE THAN  
15    100,000 PEOPLE GATHERED FOR THE NATIONAL MARCH ON WASHINGTON  
16    FOR LESBIAN AND GAY RIGHTS. THE GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF LOS  
17    ANGELES, REFLECTING THE DEVASTATION IN THE LARGER GAY  
18    COMMUNITY, SUFFERED THE LOSS OF MORE THAN 150 OF ITS MEMBERS  
19    DURING THE HEIGHT OF THE A.I.D.S. CRISIS, SURVIVED BY ONLY 12  
20    OF THE ORIGINAL FOUNDING MEMBERS, DEEPENING AND REINFORCING  
21    THE GROUP'S HISTORIC COMMITMENT TO PUBLIC SERVICE IN THE  
22    LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL AND TRANSGENDER COMMUNITY. THE GAY  
23    MEN'S CHORUS OF LOS ANGELES HAS PERFORMED AT INNUMERABLE  
24    MEMORIALS, TRIBUTES, RALLIES AND FUNDRAISERS, MAKING AND  
25    COMMISSIONING MUSIC TO MOURN, CELEBRATE AND ORGANIZE, GROWING



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1 TO 226 SINGERS, ADDING PROFESSIONAL AND ARTISTIC STAFF,  
2 TOURING INTERNATIONALLY, APPEARING FREQUENTLY IN THE BROADCAST  
3 MEDIA, AND RELEASING 13 COMPACT DISC ALBUMS. THE BOARD OF  
4 SUPERVISORS WANTED TO TAKE THIS OPPORTUNITY TO COMMEND THE GAY  
5 MEN'S CHORUS OF LOS ANGELES FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENTS  
6 IN BRINGING MUSICAL ENTERTAINMENT, POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND  
7 MORAL SUPPORT TO MILLIONS OF PEOPLE AROUND THE WORLD. AND THEY  
8 ARE EXTENDED SINCERE CONGRATULATIONS ON THEIR 30TH  
9 ANNIVERSARY. WE'RE CELEBRATING THE 30TH ANNIVERSARY AND BEST  
10 WISHES FOR CONTINUED SUCCESS IN THE YEARS TO COME. AND ASIDE  
11 FROM ALL THIS STUFF, POLITICAL CONSCIOUSNESS AND ALL THAT'S  
12 CONTAINED IN THE RESOLUTION, THE BOTTOM LINE IS: IT'S ONE HELL  
13 OF A GOOD CHORUS. AND I HAVE NEVER BEEN TO A PERFORMANCE OF  
14 THE GAY MEN'S CHORUS WHERE I REALLY WASN'T INSPIRED. THEY'RE  
15 AS GOOD A CHORUS AS EXISTS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, IN MY  
16 OPINION. AND THEY ARE UNIQUE. THEY HAVE A GREAT SOUND. AND  
17 WHEN THEY ROCK, THEY REALLY ROCK. I JUST GOT TO TELL YOU. SO I  
18 AM HONORED TO REPRESENT MANY, IF NOT MOST OF THE MEMBERS OF  
19 THE CHORUS. BUT MY AFFILIATION WITH YOU GOES BACK PROBABLY 30  
20 YEARS WHEN YOU FIRST GOT STARTED. SO I WANTED, ON BEHALF OF  
21 ALL OF THE MEMBERS OF THE BOARD, TO PRESENT THIS PROCLAMATION  
22 TO YOU. CONGRATULATIONS ON 30 YEARS AND WE LOOK FORWARD TO 30  
23 MORE EXCITING YEARS FOR THE CHORUS. [APPLAUSE.]  
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1 **SPEAKER:** THANK YOU, SUPERVISOR, MADAME CHAIRPERSON AND THE  
2 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR BEING THE LONGEST  
3 SURVIVING FUNDER OF THE GAY MEN'S CHORUS OF LOS ANGELES  
4 THROUGH THE ARTS COMMISSION. WE ARE DEEPLY GRATEFUL TO YOU  
5 PARTICULARLY, BUT ALSO TO YOU, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, FOR ALL  
6 YOUR SUPPORT OVER THE 30 YEARS. AND WE HOPE WE WILL SEE YOU  
7 ALL ON AUGUST 25TH ACROSS THE STREET AT WALT DISNEY CONCERT  
8 HALL, FOR OUR CELEBRATION CONCERT. THANK YOU AGAIN.

9 [APPLAUSE.]

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11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE? ALL RIGHT. SUPERVISOR  
12 ANTONOVICH, YOU'RE UP FIRST FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.

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14 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** MOVE THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THE  
15 FOLLOWING: JOHN ELLIS, CAPTAIN JOHN ELLIS OF THE LOS ANGELES  
16 COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT, FIRE CAPTAIN AT STATION 129 IN  
17 PALMDALE, WAS TRAGICALLY KILLED GOING TO WORK ON HIS  
18 MOTORCYCLE ON AUGUST 8TH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND TWO  
19 SONS AND A DAUGHTER.

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21 **SUP. KNABE:** I'D LIKE TO JOIN IN THAT.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** BERTRAM LLOYD STEEL. SARI, WHO IS ONE OF OUR  
24 COUNTY COUNSEL LAWYERS, IT'S HER FATHER WHO PASSED AWAY. HE IS  
25 SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE AND HIS DAUGHTERS AND SISTER. RUTH



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1 EMOGENE WAKEFIELD WHO WAS A FORMER COUNCILWOMAN, MAYOR OF THE  
2 CITY OF SOUTH GATE AND MARRIED TO THE LATE ASSEMBLYMAN FLOYD  
3 WAKEFIELD. SHE HAD WORKED AT FIRESTONE DURING WORLD WAR II AND  
4 LATER AT THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY. SHE  
5 IS SURVIVED BY HER DAUGHTER, MARIAN AND JOAN AND HER SIX  
6 GRANDCHILDREN AND 13 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. WALTER SHERWIN, WHO  
7 HAD BEEN THE GENERAL MANAGER AT K.H.J. CHANNEL 9 TELEVISION  
8 PROGRAM DIRECTOR, AND THEN LATER BECAME PROGRAM DIRECTOR AT  
9 K.A.B.C. RADIO, AND WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN MAKING K.A.B.C. ONE OF  
10 THE TOP RADIO STATIONS IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY. HE PASSED AWAY  
11 AT THE AGE OF 90. JAIR DE JESUS GARCIA SERVED IN THE UNITED  
12 STATES ARMY. WAS KILLED IN THE LINE OF DUTY THIS PAST FRIDAY.  
13 HE LEAVES HIS HUSBAND, FATHER, SON, AND THREE BROTHERS.  
14 RICHARD DORAY, WHO WAS A TALENTED ARTIST AND SCULPTOR, WHOSE  
15 WORKS CAN BE SEEN IN MANY OF THE BUSINESSES AND RESTAURANTS IN  
16 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IN 1978, HE WAS COMMISSIONED TO CREATE THE  
17 BUST OF DR. BURBANK WHICH IS DISPLAYED IN THE BURBANK PUBLIC  
18 LIBRARY. HE ALSO QUITE ACTIVE IN THE ELKS LODGE IN GLENDALE.  
19 ANTHONY DALBIS, RETIRED DEPUTY OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF.  
20 HIS LAST ASSIGNMENT WAS TO THE COURT SERVICES. AND TERRY  
21 BURNETT, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF THE ANTELOPE VALLEY, WHO LEAVES  
22 8 CHILDREN AND A SISTER. THOSE ARE MY ADJOURNMENTS. LET ME  
23 CALL ITEM 21.  
24  
25 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** MADAME CHAIR, THAT ALSO RELATES TO ITEM 61.





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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO  
3 HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK ON ITEM 21.

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5 **SUP. MOLINA:** ON ITEM WHAT? 21 AND 61? I THINK WE WILL BE DOING  
6 THEM TOGETHER, SUPERVISOR BURKE, JUST SO THAT WE KNOW. 21, 61?

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8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

9

10 **SUP. MOLINA:** THESE ARE THE ITEMS ARE REGARD TO THE GRAFFITI  
11 MOTION. IF I COULD CALL UP SOME OF THE FOLKS THAT ARE GOING TO  
12 DO A PRESENTATION FIRST.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. AND THEN WE'LL CALL-- DO YOU  
15 HAVE STEVE GUTIEREZ AND MIKE STONE?

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17 **SUP. MOLINA:** I DON'T HAVE MIKE. I HAVE CAPTAIN MICHAEL  
18 ROTHANS, WHO IS OUR CAPTAIN OF THE PICO RIVERA STATION. AND  
19 PETE GUTIEREZ WHO IS A PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGER. IRENE REDONDO  
20 CHURCH WARD, WHO IS WITH SPIRIT FAMILY SERVICES. MARIA  
21 BARAJAS, WHO IS ONE OF OUR PARENTS. AND I DON'T KNOW IF CHRIS  
22 HAS ARRIVED YET. BUT HE'LL JOIN US AS SOON AS HE'S HERE.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THOSE ARE THE NAMES WE HAVE.

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1   **SUP. MOLINA:** I'D LIKE TO START BY ASKING CAPTAIN ROTHANS TO  
2   TAKE US THROUGH A BRIEF PRESENTATION OF THE PROGRAM. WE'VE  
3   BEEN WORKING ON IT FOR A LONG, LONG TIME AND WE'RE VERY PROUD  
4   OF THE WORK THAT WE'RE DOING IN THIS AREA. BUT MORE  
5   IMPORTANTLY, WE'RE HERE TO INTRODUCE A VERY IMPORTANT MOTION  
6   THAT COMPLETES THE ENTIRE PROGRAM AS FAR AS ABATING GRAFFITI.  
7   SO LET ME BEGIN BY INTRODUCING CAPTAIN ROTHANS FOR THAT  
8   PRESENTATION.

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10   **CAPT. MIKE ROTHANS:** THANK YOU. MADAME CHAIR, MEMBERS OF THE  
11   BOARD, GOOD MORNING. THANK YOU FOR ALLOWING ME TO SPEAK TODAY  
12   AND GIVE YOU THE PRESENTATION ON THE PILOT PROJECT THAT WE  
13   BEGAN BACK ON JANUARY 6TH OF THIS YEAR AND RAN THROUGH JUNE  
14   30TH. THE PROJECT WAS A COLLABORATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN  
15   SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA TO FOCUS ON  
16   INVESTIGATING AND ARRESTING GRAFFITI VANDALS, HOLDING PARENTS  
17   ACCOUNTABLE WITH THE ULTIMATE GOAL OF REDUCING VANDALISM AND  
18   CHANGING THE BEHAVIOR OF THOSE THAT HAVE COMMITTED THE ACTS OF  
19   VANDALISM. I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT DURING THOSE SIX MONTHS, 168  
20   ARRESTS WERE MADE. 55 OF THOSE WERE ADULTS. 113 WERE JUVENILES  
21   AND THEY RANGED IN AGE FROM 35 TO 12 YEARS OLD. THOSE  
22   INDIVIDUALS RESPONSIBLE FOR OVER \$345,000 WORTH OF DAMAGE IN  
23   THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA AND THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF WEST  
24   WHITTIER. WE HAD A 100 PERCENT FILING RATE WITH THE DISTRICT  
25   ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, AND THOSE CASES THAT HAVE ALREADY BEEN



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1 ADJUDICATED, THERE WAS 100 PERCENT CONVICTION RATE. IN  
2 ADDITION TO THE VANDALISM PARAPHERNALIA THAT WAS SEIZED IN  
3 MANY OF THOSE INVESTIGATIONS, WE ALSO SEIZED FIVE FIREARMS  
4 ALONG WITH A QUANTITY OF METHAMPHETAMINE AND MARIJUANA. MANY  
5 OF THOSE CASES ARE STILL WAITING TO BE ADJUDICATED THROUGH THE  
6 COURT SYSTEM, BUT THOSE THAT HAVE BEEN ADJUDICATED, THERE HAS  
7 BEEN \$55,000 WORTH OF RESTITUTION ORDERED BACK TO THE CITY.  
8 I'D LIKE TO HIGHLIGHT A COUPLE OF THE CASES THAT WERE  
9 SIGNIFICANT THAT WERE MADE BY THE VANDALISM ENFORCEMENT TEAM.  
10 THOSE INVOLVED TWO INDIVIDUALS THAT WENT BY THE NAMES OF CHAOS  
11 AND RAGE. ON MARCH 19TH, THE VANDALISM ENFORCEMENT TEAM  
12 EXECUTED A SEARCH WARRANT IN THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA OF A 21-  
13 YEAR-OLD WHO WENT BY THE MONIKER OF "CHAOS." THIS INDIVIDUAL  
14 IS RESPONSIBLE FOR TAGGING OVER 100 LOCATIONS IN THE CITY AND  
15 CAUSING OVER \$40,000 WORTH OF DAMAGES. IN ADDITION TO  
16 ARRESTING CHAOS AT THAT LOCATION, THEY ALSO ARRESTED THREE  
17 OTHER INDIVIDUALS FOR POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL FIREARMS AND  
18 NARCOTICS. ULTIMATELY CHAOS PLED GUILTY AND WAS SENTENCED TO  
19 SIX MONTHS IN COUNTY JAIL AND ORDERED TO PAY RESTITUTION TO  
20 THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA. THE OTHER INDIVIDUALS ALSO HAD SERVED  
21 TIME IN COUNTY JAIL AND WERE CONVICTED. ON JULY 28TH, THE TEAM  
22 INVESTIGATED AND ULTIMATELY ARRESTED THE MOST PROLIFIC TAGGER  
23 IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF WEST WHITTIER, AND THAT WAS A 17  
24 YEAR OLD MALE WHO WENT BY THE NAME OF RAGE. RAGE WAS  
25 RESPONSIBLE FOR OVER 57 TAGGINGS IN THE FIRST AND FOURTH



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1 SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS, CAUSING AN ESTIMATED \$60,000 IN  
2 DAMAGE. ONCE ARRESTED AND CONFRONTED WITH THE EVIDENCE AGAINST  
3 HIM, RAGE ADMITTED TO ALL OF HIS ACTS OF VANDALISM. AN  
4 INTEGRAL PART OF THIS TEAM WAS THE USE OF PROBATION. WE USED  
5 PROBATION, KNOWING THAT IT TAKES A LONG TIME FOR JUVENILES TO  
6 MAKE IT THROUGH THE JUSTICE SYSTEM. WE USED PROBATION IN ORDER  
7 TO TRY TO GET THE JUVENILES AND THEIR PARENTS TO VOLUNTARILY  
8 SUBMIT TO PROBATION EARLY AND THEN TO ENTER INTO SOME SORT OF  
9 INTERVENTION OR PARENTING CLASSES. I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT 20  
10 PARENTS VOLUNTARILY ENTERED INTO THE PARENT PROJECT, WHICH WAS  
11 TAUGHT BY SPIRIT FAMILY SERVICES AT EL RANCHO HIGH SCHOOL.  
12 SOME OF THOSE GRADUATED ON JULY 10TH AND OTHERS ARE JUST ABOUT  
13 TO BEGIN THEIR PROGRAM STARTING TOMORROW. 23 JUVENILES ALSO  
14 VOLUNTARILY AGREED TO ATTEND YOUTH INTERVENTION PROGRAMS AT  
15 RIVERA MIDDLE SCHOOL AND EL RANCHO HIGH SCHOOL. THE  
16 INTERVENTION PROGRAMS FOCUS ON ANGER MANAGEMENT, GROUP  
17 COUNSELING, DECISION MAKING AND GOAL SETTING. WHAT THOSE  
18 NUMBERS EQUATE TO IS THAT 41 PERCENT OF THE FAMILIES WHERE A  
19 JUVENILE WAS ARRESTED HAVE AGREED TO VOLUNTARILY SUBMIT TO  
20 CONDITIONS OF PROBATION PRIOR TO THEIR CASES BEING  
21 ADJUDICATED. THOSE ENTERING PARENT CLASSES AND INTERVENTION  
22 PROGRAMS, OUT OF THOSE JUVENILES THAT ENTERED THOSE PROGRAMS  
23 AND THOSE PARENTS THAT HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THOSE PROGRAMS,  
24 NONE OF THOSE HAVE COMMITTED ACTS OF VANDALISM AGAIN. NONE  
25 HAVE BEEN RE-ARRESTED AND NONE HAVE APPEARED TO HAVE DONE ANY



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1 CRIMINAL BEHAVIOR. AN ANCILLARY EFFECT TO THE REDUCTION IN  
2 VANDALISM AND ALL OF THOSE ARRESTS WAS A TREMENDOUS DECREASE  
3 IN VIOLENT CRIME IN BOTH AREAS, THE UNINCORPORATED AREA OF  
4 WHITTIER AND THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA. I'M PROUD TO SAY THAT  
5 DURING THE PILOT PROJECT, VIOLENT CRIME DECREASED IN THE WEST  
6 WHITTIER AREA BY 5 PERCENT, AND 20 PERCENT IN THE CITY OF PICO  
7 RIVERA. IN ADDITION, GUN-RELATED CRIMES ALSO HAD A DRAMATIC  
8 DECLINE. GUN-RELATED ASSAULTS DECREASED 33 PERCENT IN WEST  
9 WHITTIER AND 75 PERCENT IN THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA. ROBBERY  
10 DECREASED 33 PERCENT IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA, AND 21  
11 PERCENT IN PICO RIVERA. AND RESIDENTIAL BURGLARY, A CRIME  
12 THAT'S GENERALLY ATTRIBUTED TO JUVENILE DELINQUENCY, ALSO  
13 DECREASED 30 PERCENT AND 3 PERCENT IN THE CITY. THE ORDINANCE  
14 BEFORE YOU IS VERY IMPORTANT, IT'S IMPORTANT TO US AND THE  
15 PROGRAM THAT WE ARE DOING. THE ORDINANCE SETS RESTITUTION  
16 COSTS SO THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES CAN RECOVER ABATEMENT AND  
17 RESTITUTION FOR PUBLIC WORKS AND SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
18 RESOURCES EXPENDING ON REMOVING GRAFFITI AND INVESTIGATING THE  
19 CRIME. IT SETS ADMINISTRATIVE FINES AND NON COMPLIANCE FEES  
20 FOR ADULT OFFENDERS IN LIEU OF CRIMINAL PROSECUTION. IT ALSO  
21 SETS SUMMARY ABATEMENT WHICH ALLOWS THE COUNTY TO RECOVER  
22 ABATEMENT AND PLACE A LIEN OR SPECIAL ASSESSMENT ON THE  
23 VIOLATOR'S PROPERTY FOR UNPAID FINES. MUCH OF THE THANKS GOES  
24 TO SUPERVISOR MOLINA AND HER LEADERSHIP AND COMMITMENT TO THIS  
25 PROGRAM. BUT I'D ALSO LIKE TO ACKNOWLEDGE SOME OF THE



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1 INDIVIDUALS THAT ARE HERE THAT PARTNERED WITH US TO MAKE THIS  
2 PROGRAM A SUCCESS. SPIRIT FAMILY SERVICES WAS INTEGRAL IN  
3 PROVIDING THE COUNSELING NEEDED TO MAKE THESE PARENTS REALIZE  
4 THAT THEY NEEDED TO TAKE OWNERSHIP INTO THE ACTIONS OF THEIR  
5 CHILDREN. THE OFFICE OF DEPARTMENT OF PROBATION, VERY  
6 IMPORTANT IN ORDER TO GAIN THE COOPERATION OF THESE JUVENILES  
7 AND OF THE PARENTS. SOME OF THE MEMBERS OF THE TEAM ARE HERE  
8 PRESENT. THE SUPERVISOR OF THE VANDALISM ENFORCEMENT TEAM IS  
9 SERGEANT ANTHONY ROMO. DEPUTY TIM SCHULTZ IS HERE, AS WELL.  
10 TWO OTHER MEMBERS THAT COULD NOT MAKE IT TODAY, IS DEPUTY  
11 MARIO CHAIREZ, AND DEPUTY RAY CASTENEDA. DEPUTY PROBATION  
12 OFFICER JULIE LONGORIA IS ALSO A MEMBER OF THE TEAM, AS IS  
13 DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, ALSO ARICELE OTERO. ONE INDIVIDUAL  
14 THAT IS HERE PRESENT IS DEPUTY DISTRICT ATTORNEY, JOHN TOCELO.  
15 HE IS ASSIGNED TO THE EAST L.A. SHERIFF'S STATION BUT WAS VERY  
16 IMPORTANT, A VITAL RESOURCE TO US WHEN WE BEGAN THE TEAM  
17 LOOKING FOR WHAT WE WOULD EXPECT IN COURT PROSECUTIONS. I  
18 SUPPOSE A LOT OF PEOPLE WOULD ASK, DOES IT WORK? DOES IT  
19 REDUCE VANDALISM? I CERTAINLY AM HERE TO SAY THAT IT DOES. IT  
20 HAS REDUCED VANDALISM. IT HOLDS THE PARENTS ACCOUNTABLE. IT  
21 GETS THEM THE COUNSELING THEY NEED. IT GETS THE JUVENILES INTO  
22 COUNSELING AND PROVIDES THEM THE MUCH NEEDED REHABILITATION TO  
23 REDUCE VIOLENT CRIME AND REDUCE THEIR ACTS OF GRAFFITI. I'D BE  
24 HAPPY TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS THAT ANY OF YOU HAVE. IF NOT,





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1 I'D BE GLAD TO INTRODUCE MR. STEVE GUTIEREZ, THE PUBLIC SAFETY  
2 MANAGER FOR THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA.

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4 **STEVE GUTIEREZ:** THANK YOU. MADAME CHAIR, BOARD MEMBERS. MY  
5 NAME IS STEVE GUTIERREZ, I'M THE PUBLIC SAFETY MANAGER FOR THE  
6 CITY OF PICO RIVERA. TWO YEARS AGO CRIME AND GRAFFITI RATES IN  
7 PICO RIVERA WERE THE HIGHEST THEY HAD EVER BEEN. THE AUGUST  
8 2007 MURDER OF PICO RIVERA GRANDMOTHER, MARIA HICKS, AT THE  
9 HANDS OF TAGGERS, ULTIMATELY LED TO THE FORMATION OF THE  
10 VANDALISM ENFORCEMENT TEAM BY SUPERVISOR MOLINA IN PARTNERSHIP  
11 WITH THE CITY OF PICO RIVERA. THE RESULTS HAVE BEEN DRAMATIC.  
12 CRIME AND GRAFFITI RATES AT PICO RIVERA CONTINUE TO PLUMMET.  
13 SINCE SEPTEMBER OF 2006, WITH DEPLOYMENT OF THE GRAFFITI  
14 TRACKER SYSTEM AND THE JANUARY 2007 VANDALISM ENFORCEMENT TEAM  
15 DEPLOYMENT, WE HAVE SEEN MORE THAN 225 ARRESTS AND COURT-  
16 ORDERED RESTITUTION COSTS OF OVER \$150,000. WE'VE INITIATED A  
17 TOTAL OF 80 RESTITUTION CASES. OF THESE, 21 HAVE BEEN PAID IN  
18 FULL. ANOTHER 59 CASES ARE PENDING. SINCE JANUARY OF 2000, WE  
19 HAVE COLLECTED MORE THAN \$45,000 IN RESTITUTION. LAST MONTH,  
20 WE PLACED A LIEN ON PROPERTY OWNED BY PARENTS OF A CONVICTED  
21 TAGGER FOR NONPAYMENT OF \$1,800 IN RESTITUTION COSTS. THOSE  
22 PARENTS JUST PAID THEIR BILL. AND JUST YESTERDAY, THE CITY  
23 BEGAN A MONTHLY BILLING SYSTEM TO CONVICTED TAGGERS TO ASSIST  
24 IN RECOVERING THESE RESTITUTION COSTS. THE ROLE OF THE  
25 VANDALISM ENFORCEMENT TEAM HAS BEEN KEY TO THIS SUCCESS. THANK



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1 YOU. I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE THE NEXT PERSON WHO IS IRENE  
2 REDONDO CHURCHWALL FROM SPIRIT FAMILY SERVICES.

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4 **IRENE REDONDO CHURCHWALL:** THANK YOU. MADAME CHAIR AND BOARD,  
5 I'M VERY PLEASED TO BE HERE TODAY TO REPRESENT SPIRIT FAMILY  
6 SERVICES AND TO TELL YOU HOW EXCITING IT'S BEEN FOR US TO BE  
7 PART OF THIS PARTNERSHIP. AND WE CERTAINLY THANK SUPERVISOR  
8 GLORIA MOLINA FOR HER ASSISTANCE IN THIS. KNOWING THAT NOBODY  
9 SPEAKS BETTER THAN SOMEBODY THAT'S BEEN THROUGH IT, WE'VE  
10 INVITED LA SENORA, MARIA BARAJAS, TO SPEAK TO YOU AND I WILL  
11 BE TRANSLATING. SHE'S ONE OF THE PARENTS THAT JUST COMPLETED  
12 THE PARENT PROJECT.

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14 **MARIA BARAJAS:** (SPEAKING IN SPANISH)

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16 **MARIA BARAJAS (INTERPRETED):** SHE FIRST WANTS TO THANK  
17 SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA FOR MAKING THIS POSSIBLE. SHE'S ALSO  
18 SAYING THAT THE CLASS HAS MADE A SIGNIFICANT DIFFERENCE. SHE  
19 JUST GRADUATED AND HAS HER CERTIFICATE WITH HER. THAT HER SON  
20 IS NOW WORKING TO HELP PAY RESTITUTION FOR THE GRAFFITI. SHE'S  
21 VERY EXCITED ABOUT THE DIFFERENCE THAT IT'S MADE IN HER  
22 FAMILY, AS SHE PERSONALLY TOLD ME EARLIER, NOT JUST WITH HER  
23 OWN SON, BUT WITH HER OTHER CHILDREN AND HER HUSBAND, AS WELL.  
24 SHE'S WANTING TO MAKE SURE THAT PROGRAMS LIKE THESE ARE  
25 ADVOCATED FOR AND CONTINUE TO BE FUNDED BECAUSE AS SHE SAYS,



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1 IT'S NEVER TOO LATE TO KEEP LEARNING. SHE WANTS TO KEEP  
2 LEARNING. SHE WAS KIND OF APPREHENSIVE ABOUT STARTING THE  
3 SESSIONS, BUT WHEN SHE FINISHED, SHE WANTED TO GO FURTHER AND  
4 GO TO MORE CLASSES. SO IT'S BEEN A VERY ENRICHING EXPERIENCE  
5 FOR HER.

6

7 **MARIA BARAJAS:** (SPEAKING IN SPANISH)

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9 **MARIA BARAJAS (INTERPRETED):** SHE SAID SHE WOULD REALLY LIKE TO  
10 SEE A PROGRAM THAT WOULD PUT THE KIDS TO WORK SO THAT THEY'RE  
11 NOT OUT ON THE STREET AND THEY'RE KEEPING BUSY. SHE THINKS  
12 THAT THAT KIND OF A PROGRAM WOULD HAVE GREAT RESULTS.

13

14 **MARIA BARAJAS (INTERPRETED):** FOR MY SON, IT WORKED. HE'S NOW  
15 WORKING AND HE'S NOT ON THE STREETS ANYMORE.

16

17 **MARIA BARAJAS:** (SPEAKING IN SPANISH).

18

19 **MARIA BARAJAS (INTERPRETED):** THEY HAD THE PARENTS' MANUAL THAT  
20 THEY GOT IN THE CLASS, AND SHE SAYS THEY CONTINUE TO USE IT,  
21 SHE AND HER HUSBAND CONTINUE TO USE IT EVEN THOUGH THE CLASSES  
22 ARE OVER, THEY CONTINUE TO UTILIZE THE MATERIALS.

23

24 **MARIA BARAJAS:** GRACIAS.

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1    **SUP. MOLINA:** GRACIAS. LET ME JUST SAY THAT WHAT WE HAVE BEEN  
2    DOING TODAY HAS BEEN PART OF A COLLABORATION. IT STARTED OUT  
3    WITH A MOTION BY SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MYSELF, WHO I THINK ALL  
4    OF US ARE JUST SO TIRED OF THE KIND OF GRAFFITI THAT WE'VE  
5    SEEN, BUT MORE IMPORTANTLY WHAT IT LEADS TO. AND CERTAINLY IN  
6    THE CASE THAT WE HAD SEEN WITH THE KILLING OF MARIA HICKS, IT  
7    WAS SOMETHING THAT WE NEEDED TO ADDRESS. THE REASON THIS  
8    PROGRAM IS SUCCEEDING IS BECAUSE OF THE COLLABORATIVE EFFORT  
9    OF WHAT IS GOING ON. IT IS NOT JUST HAVING SOMEBODY ARRESTED.  
10   IT IS THE PROCESS ALL THE WAY THROUGH. WE CERTAINLY APPRECIATE  
11   THE LEADERSHIP OF CAPTAIN ROTHANS AS WELL AS IS IT CAPTAIN  
12   MAXWELL, PATRICK MAXWELL FROM OUR NORWALK STATION, AS WELL.  
13   THEY HAVE BEEN PROVIDING THE LEADERSHIP TO THEIR OWN LAW  
14   ENFORCEMENT TEAMS IN ORDER TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE CARRYING  
15   OUT THIS WORK EFFECTIVELY. THAT WORK IS IN PARTNERSHIP WITH  
16   THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY, A DEDICATED DISTRICT ATTORNEY WHO  
17   RECOGNIZES AND UNDERSTANDS HOW TO PREPARE THESE CASES FOR THE  
18   KIND OF PROSECUTION THAT WE'RE GOING TO NEED. AND HAS BEEN  
19   VERY, VERY SUCCESSFUL, AND IN MOST INSTANCES, YOU'RE HAVING  
20   MANY OF THE YOUTH ACCEPT THEIR RESPONSIBILITY AND START THE  
21   PROCESS. AND MANY OF THE PARENTS ARE DOING SO, AS WELL. WHAT  
22   WE ARE DOING TODAY IS PASSING AN ORDINANCE FOR THOSE VERY,  
23   VERY STUBBORN SITUATIONS, PARTICULARLY WITH ADULTS. WHILE THIS  
24   IS NOT GOING TO IMPEDE OR CHANGE ANYTHING AS FAR AS  
25   PROSECUTION FROM THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, IT GIVES US



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1 AN OPPORTUNITY TO BRING A SET OF CIVIL FINES TO MANY OF THOSE  
2 THAT ARE CARRYING OUT THESE KINDS OF CRIMINAL ACTIVITY. AND  
3 IT'S GOING TO GO A LONG WAY. WE HOPE THAT-- OUR INTENT IS  
4 CERTAINLY NOT TO PROSECUTE EVERYONE, BUT TO MAKE THEM  
5 RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS, WHETHER IT BE THE YOUTH OR  
6 WHETHER IT BE THE PARENT OR WHETHER IT BE THE ADULTS. WE ARE  
7 CREATING A SET OF FINES AS WELL AS RESTITUTION AND  
8 RESPONSIBILITIES HERE. WE HAVE PARTNERSHIP WITH THE DISTRICT  
9 ATTORNEY'S OFFICE IN A PROGRAM CALLED JOIN, WHICH GIVES US AN  
10 OPPORTUNITY, IN MANY INSTANCES, TO WORK TOGETHER WITH THE  
11 JUVENILE AND THE PARENTS SO THAT, IN FACT, THEY DON'T END UP  
12 IN THE CRIMINAL COURT SYSTEM. AND OUR PROBATION DEPARTMENT  
13 THAT WORKS FOR THEM, AS WELL. ALL OF IT IS A COLLABORATIVE  
14 EFFORT. AND WE HOPE THAT THIS PILOT PROGRAM IS GOING TO GO A  
15 LONG WAY IN DEMONSTRATING TO OTHER JURISDICTIONS, ALL THE  
16 OTHER CITIES, ALL OF THE OTHER UNINCORPORATED AREAS, OF HOW TO  
17 REALLY GET TO THE ROOT OF THE KIND OF CRIMINAL GRAFFITI  
18 ACTIVITY THAT IS GOING ON. IT'S BEEN GOING ON FOR TOO LONG  
19 WITHOUT ANY ACTION TAKEN. AND IT'S ALWAYS CONSIDERED A PETTY  
20 CRIME. AND SO THE COURTS AND EVERYONE ELSE DOES NOT PAY  
21 ATTENTION TO IT, BUT WHAT WE KNOW AND WHAT WE'VE SEEN IN PICO  
22 RIVERA, IT LEADS TO OTHER KINDS OF CRIMES THAT GO ON IN OUR  
23 COMMUNITIES AND CERTAINLY COULD LEAD TO MURDER, AS WELL AS WE  
24 SAW IN PICO RIVERA. SO CONSEQUENTLY, WE HAVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO  
25 REALLY HAVE ONE OF THE VERY BEST PROGRAMS. THIS IS KIND OF THE



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1 FINAL COMPLEMENT WITH A SET OF CIVIL FINES THAT WE HAVE HERE.  
2 WE STILL HAVE A WAYS TO GO. WE ARE LEARNING EVERY SINGLE DAY  
3 HOW TO MAKE THIS PROGRAM BETTER AND STRONGER. AND OF COURSE  
4 THE PARTNERSHIP, AS WELL, OF HAVING A PARENTING COMPONENT THAT  
5 SPIRIT FAMILY SERVICES IS PROVIDING AND THAT PARENTS LIKE MRS.  
6 BARAJA ARE TAKING ADVANTAGE OF. IT WILL GO A LONG WAY IN NOT  
7 JUST PREPARING THE TRAINING AND TRAINING THE PARENT OF HOW TO  
8 DEAL WITH THE CHILD OR THE YOUTH THAT'S INVOLVED IN THESE KIND  
9 OF PROBLEMS, BUT ALSO WITH ISSUES AS THEY CONTINUE TO RAISE  
10 THEIR OTHER CHILDREN. SO WE KNOW IT GOES A LONG WAY. SO WHAT I  
11 APPRECIATE ABOUT ALL OF THIS HAS BEEN THE COLLABORATION. BUT  
12 ALSO THE LEADERSHIP THAT HAS BEEN PRESENTED BY MANY OF THE  
13 PEOPLE THAT ARE HERE TODAY. AND HOPEFULLY IT'S GOING TO BE THE  
14 KIND OF PILOT PROGRAM THAT IS GOING TO BE ADOPTED. IT DOES  
15 REQUIRE VERY UNIQUE RESOURCES, VERY SPECIALIZED TRAINING, AND  
16 PEOPLE WHO SHARE THE SAME KIND OF PASSION, THAT BY GETTING TO  
17 THESE KIDS EARLY ENOUGH, LETTING THEM KNOW THAT THEY ARE  
18 RESPONSIBLE FOR THEIR ACTIONS, WILL PROBABLY AND MORE THAN  
19 LIKELY CURB THEM FROM ANY OTHER KIND OF ESCALATING CRIMINAL  
20 ACTIVITY. WE THINK IT'S GOING TO HAVE A HUGE IMPACT IN THE  
21 REGION. AND THAT IS WHY WE ARE TESTING THIS PILOT. ONE OTHER  
22 ASPECT OF IT THAT I'D LIKE TO INTRODUCE AND I HAVE A MOTION  
23 THAT I'D LIKE TO COMPLEMENT THIS WITH, IS WE NEED TO HAVE AN  
24 EVALUATION MECHANISM THAT IS GOING TO WORK AND FUNCTION IN  
25 LIGHT OF THIS. LET ME QUICKLY READ THAT WE HAVE A SIX-MONTH





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1 STATUS REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GRAFFITI CITATION  
2 PILOT, INCLUDING THE JUVENILE COMPONENT, TO DETERMINE IF THE  
3 EXISTING RESOURCES ARE SUFFICIENT AND CERTAINLY WELL-UTILIZED,  
4 EVALUATE THE PILOT OF THE PICO RIVERA PROGRAM IN 12 MONTHS,  
5 PROVIDE A PLAN TO IMPLEMENT THIS PROGRAM COUNTY-WIDE WITH  
6 BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS. THE EVALUATION SHOULD ALSO INCLUDE  
7 RECOMMENDATIONS ON HOW TO STREAMLINE THE CRIMINAL PROCESS TO  
8 ADJUDICATE THESE CASES MUCH MORE QUICKER. RIGHT NOW, WE DO  
9 HAVE A BACKLOG IN OUR COURTS ON THESE ISSUES, AND HOPEFULLY IF  
10 WE CAN FIND A WAY TO GET A DEDICATED COURT COMMISSIONER OR A  
11 JUDGE ON THIS ONE, IT WOULD MOVE THESE CASES A LOT QUICKER.  
12 WE'RE DOING WELL ON THE ARRESTS, BUT WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD  
13 AND TO HAVE A QUICKER OPPORTUNITY WITH OUR PROSECUTION. SO THE  
14 PROGRAM IS DOING VERY WELL. I'M VERY PROUD TO PRESENT THIS  
15 COMPONENT OF IT AND I THINK IT'S GOING TO GO A LONG WAY TO  
16 GIVE US ADDITIONAL RESOURCES AND TOOLS THAT WE NEED TO COMBAT  
17 GRAFFITI.

18

19 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, I WOULD SECOND SUPERVISOR MOLINA'S  
20 MOTION BUT ALSO ADD THAT I THINK THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS, NOT  
21 ONLY IS IT A VERY SUCCESSFUL PROGRAM AND MOVING FORWARD, BUT  
22 THE SPIRIT OF COOPERATION BETWEEN CAPTAIN ROTHANS AND CAPTAIN  
23 MAXWELL. GRAFFITI KNOWS NO BOUNDARIES. IT HAS REALLY HAD A  
24 DRAMATIC IMPACT ON THAT WHOLE REGION OUT THERE. AND, AGAIN, TO  
25 COMPLIMENT EVERYONE FOR MAKING THIS HAPPEN. UNTIL WE GET AN



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1 ENTIRE NEIGHBORHOOD TO PUT THEIR ARMS AROUND AND JOIN LAW  
2 ENFORCEMENT, THESE KINDS OF THINGS, AND PARTICULARLY THE  
3 PARENT COMPONENT, SO IT'S BEEN A VERY IMPORTANT PROGRAM AND WE  
4 WISH YOU MUCH SUCCESS. BUT WE'LL SECOND THAT MOTION BECAUSE WE  
5 DO NEED SOME VALIDATION OF OTHER NUMBERS, AS WELL, TOO. BUT  
6 THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY MOLINA, SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
9 OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

10

11 **SUP. MOLINA:** THANK YOU SO MUCH. MUCHISSIMAS GRACIAS, SENORA  
12 BARAJAS.

13

14 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WAS ON BOTH ITEM 21 AND 61.

15

16 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FIRST OF ALL, LET ME ASK HOW MANY PEOPLE DO  
19 WE HAVE THAT WANT TO BE HEARD ON THIS ITEM? THIS IS ON THE  
20 MENU LABELING ISSUE.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THREE PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO BE HEARD.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** LET ME INTRODUCE THIS ITEM. MR. ANTONOVICH  
25 HAS JOINED ME ON THIS PROPOSAL. WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED HERE



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1    TODAY IS TO INSTRUCT THE COUNTY COUNSEL, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC  
2    HEALTH-- IF I COULD ASK DR. FIELDING ALSO TO COME FORWARD-- TO  
3    ESTABLISH A MENU LABELING ORDINANCE IN THE COUNTY OF LOS  
4    ANGELES. IT WOULD FIRST ONLY APPLY IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREAS  
5    OF THE COUNTY, BUT AS IN THE RESTAURANT RATING ORDINANCE THAT  
6    WE APPROVED OVER A DECADE AGO, ANY CITY IN THE COUNTY WOULD BE  
7    ELIGIBLE TO OPT IN. AND THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH WOULD  
8    BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ORDINANCE OF  
9    THOSE CITIES, AS WELL. I HAVE ALREADY HAD DISCUSSIONS WITH  
10    SOME OF THE MEMBERS, KEY MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL OF LOS  
11    ANGELES, WHICH OBVIOUSLY WOULD BE THE FIRST MAJOR CITY, THE  
12    BIGGEST CITY IN THE COUNTY. AND IT WOULD BE IMPORTANT FOR THEM  
13    TO OPT IN. AND GIVEN WHAT THEY'VE ALREADY BEEN DOING IN THE  
14    CITY, THEY ARE VERY INTERESTED IN JOINING IN ON THIS. BUT WHAT  
15    WOULD THIS DO? THIS SIMPLY WOULD REQUIRE THAT CHAIN  
16    RESTAURANTS-- AS DEFINED A CHAIN RESTAURANT IS A RESTAURANT  
17    WITH 14 OUTLETS IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA WITH THE SAME NAME  
18    AND THE SAME MENU-- WOULD BE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE NUTRITIONAL  
19    INFORMATION ON THE MENUS, BOTH THE VISIBLE MENUS ON THE BOARDS  
20    AND THE WRITTEN MENUS THAT THEY HAND OUT WITH CALORIC  
21    INFORMATION, INFORMATION ABOUT THE NUMBER OF CALORIES, OTHER  
22    NUTRITIONAL ELEMENTS, SO THAT PEOPLE COULD MAKE INFORMED  
23    DECISIONS ABOUT THEIR DIETARY CHOICES. THIS DOES NOT FORCE  
24    PEOPLE TO EAT CERTAIN FOODS. IT DOES NOT PROHIBIT THE SALE OF  
25    CERTAIN FOODS. WHAT IT DOES IS IT PROVIDES INFORMATION UPON



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1 WHICH PEOPLE WHO GO TO RESTAURANTS, THESE RESTAURANTS WOULD BE  
2 ABLE TO MAKE INFORMED DECISIONS IN THEIR OWN INTEREST. THIS IS  
3 PATTERNED AFTER BOTH THE STATE LAW THAT IS NOW PENDING IN  
4 SACRAMENTO BUT WHICH HAS NOT PASSED, THE PADILLA LEGISLATION.  
5 WHETHER IT PASSES OR NOT IS STILL VERY MUCH IN THE AIR. IT IS  
6 PATTERNED AFTER THE LAWS ALSO APPROVED IN THE CITY AND COUNTY  
7 OF SAN FRANCISCO, SANTA CLARA AND NEW YORK CITY WHERE THE LAW  
8 WENT INTO EFFECT JUST LAST MONTH AND WHERE THE ANECDOTAL  
9 INFORMATION IS THAT IT HAS HAD A DRAMATIC IMPACT ON THE KINDS  
10 OF FOOD CHOICES THAT PEOPLE ARE MAKING WHEN THEY COME TO THESE  
11 RESTAURANTS. OBESITY IS A MAJOR DISEASE IN THIS COUNTRY, AND  
12 IT'S A MAJOR DISEASE IN THIS COUNTY. THE FASTEST GROWING  
13 DISEASE AMONG TEENS IN MANY PARTS OF THIS COUNTY IS DIABETES.  
14 ADULT ONSET DIABETES, WHICH USED TO SURFACE WHEN PEOPLE TURNED  
15 50, 55, 60, IT'S NOW SHOWING UP WHEN KIDS TURN 13, 14 AND 15.  
16 AND IT IS LARGELY DUE TO DIET AND LACK OF EXERCISE, AND  
17 OBVIOUSLY SOME GENETIC PREDISPOSITIONS, AS WELL. BUT DIET IS  
18 ALWAYS A FACTOR IN THESE KINDS OF DISEASES. AND ONE THING WE  
19 CAN DO IS TO GIVE PEOPLE INFORMATION UPON WHICH THEY CAN MAKE  
20 CHOICES. IF THEY SEE THAT A CHEESEBURGER AND FRIES IS A  
21 CERTAIN NUMBER OF CALORIES AND AN ALTERNATIVE CHOICE IS HALF  
22 THE NUMBER OF CALORIES, MANY PEOPLE WILL MAKE THE CHOICE  
23 VOLUNTARILY TO GO FOR THE LESS AMOUNT OF CALORIES. A MILKSHAKE  
24 IS 1,000 CALORIES. A HAMBURGER AND FRIES IS LESS THAN 1,000  
25 CALORIES. AND YET MANY PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THE HAMBURGER AND



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1 FRIES ARE MORE CALORIES THAN THE MILKSHAKE. SO IF WE PROVIDE  
2 PEOPLE WITH THE INFORMATION, THEY ARE LIKELY TO MAKE THE RIGHT  
3 KINDS OF DECISIONS. I WOULD SUGGEST THAT AFTER WE HAVE THIS  
4 DISCUSSION, IF WE APPROVE THIS, IT'S AN INSTRUCTION TO THE  
5 PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT AS WELL AS THE COUNTY COUNSEL TO  
6 DRAFT AN ORDINANCE AND COME BACK TO THE BOARD IN FOUR WEEKS?  
7 SEPTEMBER, I BELIEVE, THE MOTION? 30 DAYS. WELL, IT WOULD BE  
8 THE FIRST MEETING AFTER THAT. SO IN MID SEPTEMBER. IT WILL BE  
9 AFTER THE LEGISLATURE ADJOURNS, SO WE WILL KNOW BY THEN  
10 WHETHER THE LEGISLATURE HAS PASSED OR NOT PASSED THE STATEWIDE  
11 LEGISLATION, WHICH MAY OR MAY NOT PRE-EMPT US. AND THEN WE CAN  
12 PROCEED ACCORDINGLY. MY HOPE IS THAT IF WE COULD GET THIS--  
13 DR. FIELDING, COULD YOU JOIN US UP HERE? MY HOPE IS THAT IF WE  
14 APPROVE THIS IN MID-SEPTEMBER, IF THAT STILL PROVES NECESSARY,  
15 AS I SUSPECT IT WILL, THAT WE WOULD BE ABLE TO BE-- TO HAVE  
16 THIS ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTED. HOW SOON DO YOU THINK WE WOULD  
17 HAVE THIS ORDINANCE IMPLEMENTED IF IT WERE APPROVED IN MID-  
18 SEPTEMBER FUNCTIONALLY OUT IN THE FIELD?

19

20 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** IT WOULD PROBABLY TAKE A FEW MONTHS TO  
21 GET EVERYTHING CLEAR AND TALK TO ALL THE AFFECTED RESTAURANTS  
22 AND PUT THAT IN PLACE.

23

24 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO SOMETIME AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR BUT  
25 NOT LONG AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR?



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2 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** NOT LONG.

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4 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** DR. FIELDING, I'D LIKE TO ASK YOU, BEFORE I  
5 END MY REMARKS, IF YOU'D LIKE TO SAY A FEW WORDS AT THIS TIME.

6

7 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THE PROBLEM IS, AS YOU SUGGEST,  
8 SUPERVISOR, THE PROBLEM OF OVERWEIGHT AND OBESITY IS A PROBLEM  
9 OF UNFORTUNATELY EPIDEMIC PROPORTIONS. AND WE ARE SEEING  
10 PROBLEMS, TYPE 2 DIABETES IN AN ADOLESCENCE. I TRAINED AS A  
11 PEDIATRICIAN. NEVER SAW A SINGLE CASE OF TYPE 2 DIABETES IN AN  
12 ADOLESCENT. NOW IT'S VERY, VERY COMMON. AND UNFORTUNATELY THAT  
13 INCREASES THE RISK OF HEART DISEASE, OF A LOT OF OTHER  
14 PROBLEMS ASSOCIATED WITH DIABETES. IT ALSO INCREASES THE RISK  
15 OF HIGH CHOLESTEROL, OF HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, OF SOME  
16 MUSCULOSKELETAL PROBLEMS AND SOME FORMS OF CANCER. NO ONE  
17 ACTION IS A PANACEA, BUT I THINK THIS COULD CONTRIBUTE AS THE  
18 HEALTH IMPACT ASSESSMENT THAT OUR TEAM DID INDICATED IF JUST  
19 10 PERCENT OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO ARE BUYING FOOD AT THOSE  
20 RESTAURANTS MADE TWICE A WEEK A CHOICE TO ORDER SOMETHING 100  
21 CALORIES LESS, WE COULD REDUCE THE GROWTH IN WEIGHT IN LOS  
22 ANGELES COUNTY BY ABOUT 40 PERCENT, WHICH WOULD BE HUGE. SO WE  
23 NEED TO INCREASE PHYSICAL ACTIVITY, A WHOLE BUNCH OF OTHER  
24 THINGS. BUT THIS IS IMPORTANT. AND CONSUMERS NOW, WHEN THEY GO  
25 INTO STORES FOR ANY PREPACKAGED GOODS, THEY HAVE THE





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1 INFORMATION RIGHT IN FRONT OF THEM. IT HAS ALL THIS  
2 INFORMATION RIGHT ON THE CAN, RIGHT ON THE BOTTLE. BUT WHEN  
3 YOU GO INTO A FAST FOOD RESTAURANT, YOU REALLY DON'T KNOW THE  
4 NUTRITIONAL COMPOSITION. AND IF IT'S ON A WEBSITE OR IN THE  
5 BACK OF THE STORE IN SOME HUGE GRID, YOU JUST DON'T FIND IT.  
6 AT LEAST HAVING CALORIES WOULD ALLOW PEOPLE MAKE BETTER  
7 DECISIONS, AT LEAST, BETTER INFORMED DECISIONS FOR THEMSELVES  
8 AND THEIR FAMILIES.

9

10 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** FEDERAL REGULATIONS REQUIRE THAT PACKAGED  
11 FOOD PROVIDE NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION OF ALL KINDS.

12

13 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THEY HAVE SINCE 1964.

14

15 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO THIS IS ESSENTIALLY PHILOSOPHICALLY, IT  
16 IS AN EXTENSION OF THAT KIND OF INFORMATION SHARING.

17

18 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** THIS WAS TO EMPOWER CONSUMERS AND  
19 PROVIDE GREATER TRANSPARENCY FOR THEM AND FOR THEIR PURCHASING  
20 DECISION FOR THEIR FAMILIES.

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I JUST WANT TO MAKE SOMEWHAT  
23 OF A PERSONAL COMMENT ABOUT THIS, BECAUSE I THINK IT BEARS.  
24 SOME OF THE EMAILS THAT I'VE BEEN GETTING AND THE MAIL THAT  
25 I'VE BEEN GETTING ON THIS. AS I THINK ANYBODY FOLLOWS ME KNOWS



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1    THAT SOME EIGHT YEARS AGO I WAS DIAGNOSED WITH TYPE 2  
2    DIABETES, WHICH WAS A DISEASE THAT MY MOTHER HAD AND OTHER  
3    MEMBERS OF OUR FAMILY HAVE HAD. IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME, AS  
4    INTELLIGENT AS I THOUGHT I WAS, IT NEVER OCCURRED TO ME THAT  
5    JUST BECAUSE MY MOTHER HAD IT AND MY GRANDFATHER HAD IT AND MY  
6    COUSINS HAD IT THAT I MIGHT GET IT. AND I DIDN'T PAY MUCH  
7    ATTENTION TO THIS. BUT THE MINUTE I GOT DIAGNOSED, I TOOK  
8    GREAT, OBVIOUSLY GREAT PERSONAL INTEREST IN MANAGING THE  
9    DISEASE. MANAGING THAT DISEASE FOR ALL DIABETICS LARGELY  
10    DEPENDS-- LARGELY INVOLVES WATCHING WHAT YOU EAT. WATCHING THE  
11    SUGARS YOU TAKE IN, THE CARBOHYDRATES YOU TAKE IN. AND HAVING  
12    INFORMATION ABOUT THE NUTRITIONAL CONTENT OF THE FOODS YOU EAT  
13    IS VITAL. SO IT'S A MATTER OF LIFE AND DEATH FOR SOME PEOPLE.  
14    AND IT'S A MATTER OF ACCELERATING DEATH IN THE CASE OF MOST  
15    OTHERS. SO WHEN WE GO SHOPPING, LOOKING AT THE PACKAGE AND  
16    SEEING HOW MANY GRAMS OF SUGAR, HOW MANY CARBOHYDRATES, HOW  
17    MANY CALORIES, ALL OF WHICH ARE INTERRELATED ARE IN THERE IS  
18    VERY VITAL TO WHAT WE DO. WHEN I GO TO A RESTAURANT, I DON'T  
19    HAVE THAT SAME OPTION. SO PEOPLE SAY TO ME "WELL WHY DON'T YOU  
20    JUST ASK THE WAITER? THEY'LL TELL YOU." WELL BELIEVE IT OR  
21    NOT, I ASK THE WAITERS ALL THE TIME. YOU KNOW, I LOVE TURKEY  
22    MEATLOAF IN CERTAIN RESTAURANTS IN MY WONDERFUL DISTRICT. I'VE  
23    ASKED WAITERS AT THE RESTAURANTS, WHICH SHALL REMAIN NAMELESS,  
24    "WHAT DO YOU USE TO PREPARE THE MEATLOAF? WHAT'S THE SAUCE?  
25    WHAT'S IN THE SAUCE?" WELL, THEY DON'T KNOW, AND THEY'RE NOT



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1 GOING TO GO RUNNING EVERY TIME BACK TO THE KITCHEN TO THE CHEF  
2 AND ASK HIM. IT'S ALMOST AN INSULT TO THE CHEF TO ASK HIM WHAT  
3 HIS RECIPE IS. AND OFTENTIMES I HAVE FOUND THAT I WAS GIVEN  
4 INCORRECT INFORMATION BECAUSE THE WAITER IS JUST NOT IN A  
5 POSITION TO KNOW. SO THIS VOLUNTARY NONSENSE OF ASKING PEOPLE  
6 ON A VOLUNTARY BASIS, "IF YOU'RE INTERESTED, ASK" YOU'RE  
7 PRESUMING THAT YOU'RE GOING TO GET ACCURATE INFORMATION. YOU  
8 HARDLY EVER GET COMPLETE OR ACCURATE INFORMATION. THAT'S WHY  
9 THE PACKAGE MATERIAL IS SO VALUABLE TO ALL OF US WHO DEPEND ON  
10 IT BECAUSE YOU KNOW, BY LAW, THAT IT HAS TO BE ACCURATE AND  
11 THERE ARE CONSEQUENCES IF YOU VIOLATE THE LAW. WHEN SUPERVISOR  
12 ANTONOVICH AND I AND YOU, DR. FIELDING, WERE OUT IN HOLLYWOOD  
13 THE OTHER DAY TO ANNOUNCE THIS, I THINK SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
14 SAID IT BEST, THAT THIS ORDINANCE WILL EMPOWER PEOPLE THROUGH  
15 INFORMATION TO MAKE THE RIGHT KINDS OF CHOICES. IF THEY DON'T  
16 WANT TO MAKE THE CHOICES, THE RIGHT DIETARY CHOICES, IT'S  
17 THEIR BUSINESS AND IT'S THEIR CHOICE. NOBODY'S FORCING ANYBODY  
18 TO EAT OATMEAL VERSUS SOMETHING ELSE. BUT AT LEAST THEY WILL  
19 HAVE THE CHOICE. AND WHAT WE'RE FINDING IN NEW YORK AND IN  
20 OTHER JURISDICTIONS WHICH HAVE ENACTED THESE KINDS OF LAWS IS  
21 THAT FACED WITH THE EVIDENCE AND THE INFORMATION, IF THEY'RE  
22 HUNGRY, THEY CAN ADDRESS THEIR HUNGER BY EATING LESS CALORIES  
23 AS WELL AS MORE CALORIES. AND MANY PEOPLE HAVE ENOUGH SELF-  
24 CONTROL, MOST OF US HAVE ENOUGH SELF-CONTROL TO SAY I'LL HAVE  
25 THE HAMBURGER AND FRIES, I'LL GIVE UP THE MILKSHAKE. MANY OF



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1 US GIVE UP THE HAMBURGER AND FRIES, TOO. BUT YOU HAVE THAT  
2 CHOICE. AND NOBODY'S GOING TO FORCE ANYBODY TO DO OTHERWISE.  
3 BUT AT LEAST TO HAVE THE INFORMATION UPON WHICH TO MAKE A  
4 CHOICE. MANY PEOPLE, IF THEY KNEW THE KINDS OF CHOICES, THE  
5 CONSEQUENCES OF THE KINDS OF CHOICES THEY'RE MAKING, WOULD  
6 MAKE A DIFFERENT KIND OF CHOICE. AND THAT'S REALLY WHAT THIS  
7 IS ALL ABOUT. THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR.

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9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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11 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME JUST FOLLOW UP ON THAT. WE ALL KNOW  
12 THERE'S A PROBLEM OF OBESITY, AND WE KNOW THE IMPACT IT HAS ON  
13 ONE'S HEALTH. AND WHEN A PARENT IS TAKING THEIR CHILD TO A  
14 RESTAURANT, THEY HELP WITH THE SELECTION ON THE MENU, THEY  
15 NEED SOME GUIDANCE. AND THAT GUIDANCE IS THE TYPE OF GUIDANCE  
16 THAT THEY HAVE WHEN THEY PURCHASE ITEMS IN THE MARKET, WHERE  
17 IF IT'S A LOAF OF BREAD, IT GIVES YOU THE INGREDIENTS AND THE  
18 CALORIE CONTENT. IF IT'S CEREAL OR ANY OTHER TYPE OF PRODUCTS  
19 THAT CONTAIN INFORMATION AS TO CALORIE AND INGREDIENT CONTENT.  
20 BUT WHEN YOU GO TO A RESTAURANT, MANY TIMES, YOU DON'T KNOW  
21 THE CALORIE CONTENT OF THOSE ITEMS. FOR EXAMPLE, ONE OF THOSE  
22 WHAT YOU THINK IS VERY NUTRITIOUS FRUIT DRINKS, THOSE MALTS,  
23 THEY HAVE LIKE 700 CALORIES, AND THAT'S THE SMALLER SIZED  
24 VERSION. BUT THIS WOULD GIVE THE PARENTS THE OPPORTUNITY TO  
25 EDUCATE THEIR CHILD AND THEIR CHILDREN'S ABILITY TO EAT



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1 WHOLESOME FOODS AND NOT JUST LOAD IT UP WITH EXCESSIVE  
2 CALORIES THAT'S GOING TO BE DETRIMENTAL TO THEIR HEALTH AND  
3 THEIR ABILITY TO BE A SUCCESS, BE IT IN THE CLASSROOM OR IN  
4 THEIR COMMUNITY. SO THIS IS EMPOWERING THE INDIVIDUAL WITH  
5 INFORMATION TO MAKE AN INFORMED CHOICE INSTEAD OF GOING IN  
6 BLINDLY AND TAKING WHATEVER THERE IS WITHOUT KNOWING THE  
7 CONSEQUENCES THAT THEY MAY BE MAKING AND THE CHOICE THAT THEY  
8 MAKE. SO IT'S AN INFORMATION OPPORTUNITY TO ENLIGHTEN THE  
9 PEOPLE AS TO THE TYPE OF CALORIES THAT ARE IN EACH OF THE  
10 PRODUCTS THAT THEY WILL BE CONSUMING.

11  
12 **DR. JONATHAN FIELDING:** I WOULD JUST ADD ONE THING. AT THE  
13 PRESS CONFERENCE LAST WEEK, WE WERE IN FRONT OF MCDONALD'S AND  
14 THEY WERE ADVERTISING A 42-OUNCE COLA DRINK. NOW FOR AN  
15 AVERAGE CHILD, YOU WANT TO HAVE NOT MORE THAN 450 OR 460  
16 CALORIES PER MEAL, ROUGHLY, THAT'S WHAT YOU'D LIKE TO SEE.  
17 THIS ONE COLA DRINK HAD OVER 500 CALORIES. AND I THINK IF  
18 PARENTS, FOR EXAMPLE, SAW THAT UP ON THE MENU BOARD, THAT THAT  
19 MIGHT INFLUENCE THEIR DECISION MAKING ABOUT WHAT'S GOOD FOR  
20 THEIR KIDS AS WELL AS WHAT'S GOOD FOR THEMSELVES.

21  
22 **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAVE THREE SPEAKERS THAT HAVE SIGNED UP. I HAVE  
23 HELD THE ITEM MYSELF. I GUESS MY CONCERN WOULD ONCE AGAIN BE  
24 THE FACT THAT WE'RE JUST DOING IT IN THE UNINCORPORATED AREA  
25 AND WAITING TO SEE WHAT HAPPENS WITH THE STATE LEGISLATION.



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1 BUT IN READING THE ITEM CLOSER, I GUESS IT'S COMING BACK IN 30  
2 DAYS, SO WE'LL KNOW BY THAT TIME AND WE CAN DEBATE THE ISSUE  
3 OF WHETHER OR NOT THE CROSS-BORDER ISSUE. I'D LIKE TO ASK DR.  
4 JOHN HAROLD TO COME FORWARD, PETER WHITTINGHAM AND ANDREW  
5 CASANA. IF YOU WOULD JOIN US, PLEASE? WHOEVER WOULD LIKE TO  
6 START, GO AHEAD, PLEASE, GIVE YOUR NAME FOR THE RECORD AND  
7 PROCEED TO TESTIMONY.

8

9 **DR. JOHN HAROLD:** YES, GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS DR. JOHN G.  
10 HAROLD. I'M A MEMBER OF THE CEDARS SINAI HEART INSTITUTE AND A  
11 PAST CHIEF OF STAFF AT CEDARS SINAI MEDICAL CENTER. I'M  
12 APPEARING TODAY IN THE CAPACITY AS THE PRESIDENT OF THE LOS  
13 ANGELES COUNTY DIVISION OF THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, AND  
14 I WISH TO EXPRESS OUR SUPPORT FOR THE MENU LABELING ORDINANCE  
15 AS PROPOSED BY SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY AND ANTONOVICH.  
16 REQUIRING CHAIN RESTAURANTS TO POST NUTRITIONAL AND CALORIE  
17 INFORMATION ON ALL STANDARD MENU ITEMS IS BOTH TIMELY AND  
18 IMPERATIVE. GIVEN TODAY'S OBESITY CRISIS, CONSUMERS CAN NO  
19 LONGER AFFORD TO PLAY A GUESSING GAME WHEN EATING OUT. LOS  
20 ANGELES COUNTY DINERS SHOULD HAVE THE RIGHT TO NUTRITION  
21 INFORMATION ABOUT THE FOODS THEY EAT AT THE POINT OF PURCHASE.  
22 THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION ADVOCATES FOR PROVIDING CALORIE  
23 INFORMATION ON MENU AND MENU BOARDS THEREBY INCREASING THE  
24 ABILITY OF CONSUMERS TO MAKE INFORMED CHOICES IN THE FOOD AND  
25 BEVERAGES THEY PURCHASE IN RESTAURANTS. CALIFORNIA HAS





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1 EXPERIENCED ONE OF THE FASTEST RATES OF INCREASE OF ADULT  
2 OBESITY OF ANY STATE IN THE NATION. NEARLY 16 MILLION  
3 CALIFORNIANS ARE OBESE OR OVERWEIGHT. AS HAS BEEN POINTED OUT,  
4 MANY OF THEM SUFFER FROM DISEASES SUCH AS DIABETES, HEART  
5 DISEASE AND HYPERTENSION. ONE-THIRD OF CALIFORNIA'S CHILDREN  
6 AGES 9 TO 11 ARE OVERWEIGHT OR AT RISK OF BECOMING OVERWEIGHT  
7 AND ARE INCREASINGLY SUFFERING FROM NUTRITION-RELATED  
8 ILLNESSES THAT NORMALLY OCCUR IN ADULthood, DISEASES THAT HAVE  
9 BEEN POINTED OUT SUCH AS DIABETES MELLITUS AND HYPERTENSION.  
10 PROVIDING CALORIE INFORMATION ON MENUS AND MENU BOARDS AT THE  
11 POINT OF PURCHASE WILL PLAY A VITAL ROLE IN A MULTI-PRONGED  
12 EFFORT TO COMBAT THE OBESITY EPIDEMIC. NEW YORK CITY HAS  
13 PROVEN THAT MENU LABELING IS NOT ONLY PRACTICAL, IT IS  
14 WORKABLE. THE PEOPLE OF NEW YORK CITY ARE BENEFITING FROM THIS  
15 INFORMATION. TODAY'S PROPOSED ORDINANCE WOULD ALLOW THE  
16 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY TO BENEFIT, AS WELL. PEOPLE  
17 SUFFERING FROM CHRONIC ILLNESSES SUCH AS HEART DISEASE, STROKE  
18 AND DIABETES USE NUTRITION LABELS ALL THE TIME AS MEANS OF  
19 IDENTIFYING APPROPRIATE FOOD FOR MANAGING THEIR CONDITIONS.  
20 THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION, WERE CO-SPONSORS OF CALIFORNIA  
21 SENATE BILL 1420, THE MENU LABELING BILL THAT IS CURRENTLY  
22 WORKING ITS WAY THROUGH THE LEGISLATURE. WE APPLAUD THE COUNTY  
23 BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT ON THIS  
24 IMPORTANT ISSUE. AND WE WISH TO PERSONALLY THANK SUPERVISOR  
25 YAROSLAVSKY AND ANTONOVICH FOR INTRODUCING THIS MOTION AND FOR



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1 BEING GREAT CHAMPIONS OF THIS IMPORTANT IDEA. THE AMERICAN  
2 HEART ASSOCIATION LOOKS FORWARD TO WORKING WITH ALL OF YOU AS  
3 YOU CONTINUE TO EXAMINE POLICIES THAT BENEFIT THE HEALTH OF  
4 LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THANK YOU.

5

6 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. NEXT? PETER?

7

8 **ANDREW CASANA:** HELLO. MY NAME IS ANDREW CASANA. I REPRESENT  
9 THE CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION. I WANT TO MAKE IT CLEAR  
10 THAT THE CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION HAS NO PROBLEM WITH  
11 DISCLOSURE. I WANT TO MAKE THAT VERY CLEAR. SOMETIMES THAT  
12 SEEMS TO COME BACK, SAYING THAT THE RESTAURANTS DO NOT WANT TO  
13 SHARE NUTRITIONAL VALUE WITH THE CUSTOMERS. THE BIG ISSUE IS  
14 THEY WANT UNIFORMITY, AND THAT'S WHY WE'RE WORKING AT THE  
15 STATE LEVEL. AND WE HOPE THAT WE WILL BE ABLE TO WORK AT THE  
16 STATE LEVEL FIRST RATHER THAN COMING TO THE LOCAL LEVEL,  
17 BECAUSE THE LAST THING WE WANT IS TO HAVE 10 DIFFERENT  
18 JURISDICTIONS WITH 10 DIFFERENT MENU LABELING ORDINANCES ON  
19 THE BOOKS. THAT WOULD BE PRETTY DIFFICULT FOR THE INDUSTRY. WE  
20 ALSO WANT FLEXIBILITY. AND A POLL CAME OUT TODAY THAT WE DID  
21 STATEWIDE AND IT SHOWS THAT 62 PERCENT OF CALIFORNIANS AGREE  
22 WITH THIS. THEY STATE THAT THEY DO WANT THE DISCLOSURE. BUT  
23 THEY DON'T NECESSARILY SAY IT HAS TO BE ON THE MENU BOARD.  
24 THEY ALSO SHOWED THAT 55 PERCENT WANT A STATEWIDE STANDARD.  
25 LIKE I SAID, THIS IS A STATEWIDE POLL THAT WE DID AND IT JUST



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1 CAME OUT TODAY. 58 PERCENT OF CALIFORNIANS ALSO FEAR THE  
2 GOVERNMENT WILL GO TOO FAR. I ALSO THINK WE NEED TO ADDRESS  
3 THE NEW YORK POLL. THE NEW YORK POLL IS CALLED THE SUBWAY  
4 POLL. THE POLL WAS DONE AT 12 UNITS, 12 SUBWAY SANDWICH UNITS.  
5 THE POLL IS CONDUCTED BY TALKING TO CUSTOMERS AS THEY LEFT AND  
6 ASKED "DID YOU LOOK AT THE MENU BOARD"? THE ENTIRE INDUSTRY  
7 WAS NOT MEASURED ON THIS. AND IN TALKING TO-- AND I WAS IN NEW  
8 YORK LAST WEEK-- AND TALKING TO THE CHAIN RESTAURANTS, THEY  
9 HAVE NOT SEEN A FALLOFF OF ANYTHING. THEY SAID THE NORMAL  
10 ORDERING PROCEDURE IS STILL THE SAME. BUT LIKE I SAID, THE  
11 INDUSTRY DOES WANT TO DISCLOSE THE INFORMATION. WE'RE JUST  
12 ASKING FOR FLEXIBILITY. HAVE SOMETHING THAT'S UNIFORMED AT THE  
13 STATEWIDE, IF IT'S GOING TO BE STATEWIDE THAT IT'S THE SAME  
14 ACROSS THE BOARDS, AND WE ASK TO SIT AT THE TABLE TO SIT DOWN  
15 WITH DR. FIELDING, WHICH THE CALIFORNIA RESTAURANT ASSOCIATION  
16 HAS A GREAT RELATIONSHIP WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HERE IN  
17 L.A. COUNTY AND THE COUNTY AS A WHOLE. SO WE WANT TO WORK  
18 TOGETHER. AND IN CLOSING I WANT TO SAY ANOTHER ISSUE THAT IS A  
19 CONCERN, ANY TIME YOU HAVE NUTRITIONAL VALUE, I DON'T KNOW IF  
20 ANYBODY REMEMBERS THE TREVOR LAWSUITS THAT CAME ABOUT FIVE OR  
21 SIX YEARS AGO, THOSE ARE DRIVE BY LAWSUITS. THERE IS A CONCERN  
22 WHEN THERE IS A POSTING OF NUTRITIONAL VALUE THAT SOMEBODY CAN  
23 DO A DRIVE BY LAWSUIT. SO WHATEVER WE DO, I THINK THAT IS A  
24 COMPONENT THAT ALSO HAS TO BE IN THERE TO PROTECT RESTAURANTS  
25 FROM THESE KIND OF LAWSUITS, WHICH CAN BE VERY EXPENSIVE. SO



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1 WE ASK YOU TO WAIT, PLEASE WAIT, UNTIL THE STATE-- IT'S ONLY  
2 TWO WEEKS-- FIGURES OUT WHAT IT WANTS TO DO. WE ASK TO BE AT  
3 THE TABLE TO HELP CREATE SOMETHING. THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. PETER.

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7 **PETER WHITTINGHAM:** THANK YOU SUPERVISOR KNABE AND MEMBERS OF  
8 THE BOARD. MY NAME IS PETER WHITTINGHAM, I'M WITH THE FIRM OF  
9 CURT PRINGLE AND ASSOCIATES. FIRST OFF, I WANT COMMEND  
10 SUPERVISORS YAROSLAVSKY AND ANTONOVICH FOR YOUR LEADERSHIP ON  
11 THIS MATTER. I'M INTIMATELY FAMILIAR WITH SUPERVISOR  
12 ANTONOVICH'S LONG COMMITMENT TO THESE TYPE OF ISSUES, BEING  
13 THE FOUNDER OF THE NUTRITION TASKFORCE AND AS WELL AS THE  
14 COUNCIL ON PHYSICAL FITNESS AND SPORTS, WHICH I HAD THE  
15 PLEASURE TO BE AFFILIATED WITH. I HAVE A SON WHO IS AUTISTIC,  
16 AND LIKE MANY PARENTS OF CHILDREN WITH AUTISM, WE EMPLOYED A  
17 VERY STRICT DIET IN HOPES THAT THAT WOULD HELP TO ADDRESS AND  
18 HELP IN HIS RECOVERY FROM AUTISM. AND ULTIMATELY IT BECAME OUR  
19 RESPONSIBILITY TO MANAGE AND TO BECOME INFORMED ON EACH AND  
20 EVERY ITEM THAT WE GAVE HIM THROUGHOUT THE DAY. AND ULTIMATELY  
21 I WOULD ENCOURAGE THE BOARD TO SEND THAT MESSAGE AS WELL THAT  
22 IT IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CONSUMER, THE PARENT, WHAT  
23 HAVE YOU, TO MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE INFORMED ON THE FOOD THAT  
24 THEIR CHILDREN ARE EATING. AS I MENTIONED, OUR FIRM PROVIDES  
25 ENTITLEMENT ASSISTANCE TO MANY OF THE RESTAURANTS THAT WOULD



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1 FALL UNDER THIS PROPOSED ORDINANCE. AND I DO UNDERSTAND, ANDY  
2 MENTIONED, THE INDUSTRY WILL BE REPRESENTED, AS DR. FIELDING  
3 AND HIS STAFF AS WELL AS COUNTY COUNSEL, PREPARE TO DRAFT THIS  
4 ORDINANCE. OBVIOUSLY THAT IS SOMETHING THAT IS GOING TO BE  
5 ESSENTIAL IN CRAFTING AN ORDINANCE THAT WORKS. I WOULD  
6 QUESTION THE NEED FOR ADDITIONAL FEES. AS YOU ALREADY HAVE  
7 HEALTH INSPECTORS WHO VISIT THESE FACILITIES ANNUALLY IF NOT  
8 MORE OFTEN AND THE PLAN CHECK AND PERMIT FEES ASSOCIATED WITH  
9 THE DEVELOPMENT OF THESE FACILITIES ARE ALREADY QUITE  
10 SUBSTANTIAL. IN CLOSING, I WOULD AGAIN WANT TO COMMEND YOU FOR  
11 YOUR LEADERSHIP. I ENCOURAGE YOU TO MAKE SURE THAT THIS  
12 EXERCISE IS AS COLLABORATIVE AS POSSIBLE TO ENSURE THAT THE  
13 END PRODUCT IS SOMETHING THAT WORKS FOR CONSUMERS, FOR  
14 FRANCHISEES AND CORPORATE RESTAURANT OPERATORS AND FOR THE  
15 COUNTY. THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. ONE OTHER SPEAKER, ARNOLD SACHS.

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19 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES. GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
20 THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. I CAN'T HELP BUT OVERHEARING THE  
21 DISCUSSION REGARDING THIS MENU INFORMATION AND CITY OF L.A.  
22 HAS A SIMILAR ORDINANCE THAT THEY PUT INTO EFFECT. BUT  
23 NOBODY'S ADDRESSING THIS PART OF THE PROGRAM. MAYBE AS A POINT  
24 OF GETTING THE MESSAGE OUT, THEY COULD PUT THE INFORMATION ON  
25 THE-- INCLUDED IN SOME KIND OF TIE-IN WITH ALL THE PROMOTIONAL



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1 GIVE-AWAYS FOR EVERY NEW DISNEY CARTOON OR EVERY NEW ANIMATED  
2 "TOY STORY" MOVIE THAT COMES OUT WHERE THE FAST FOOD CHAINS  
3 AND THE PRODUCERS OF THESE SHOWS, YOU WANT TO COLLECT A SET OF  
4 THESE ITEMS, YOU WANT TO COLLECT THE SET OF CHARACTERS, COME  
5 BUY A CHILD MENU MEAL, OR COME BUY THIS OR THAT. AND SO IT'S  
6 NOT EVEN ABOUT THE MEALS ANYMORE. IT'S ABOUT THE PROMOTIONAL  
7 TIE-INS THAT AFFECT THESE AREAS. AND THEY CREATE A NEED AND A  
8 WANT FOR ITEMS, AS LONG AS YOU BUY OUR ITEM. AS LONG AS YOU  
9 BUY OUR FAST FOOD, YOU CAN BUY ALL THESE TOYS. YOU CAN GET ALL  
10 THESE TOYS. SO MAYBE THEY NEED TO ADDRESS THAT, ALSO. BECAUSE  
11 IF YOU DON'T ADDRESS THAT, AND PUTTING THE CALORIE COUNT OR  
12 THE NUTRITIONAL VALUE OF A MEAL ISN'T GOING TO STOP A CHILD  
13 FROM WHINING ABOUT GETTING HIS "TOY STORY" DOLL OR WHATEVER  
14 ITEM THAT'S COMING OUT FOR THE NEXT PROMOTIONAL MOVIE. THANK  
15 YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR ATTENTION.

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU. THE ITEM IS THEN BEFORE US.

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19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MR. CHAIR? NEVER MIND. I'LL MOVE IT.

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21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SECOND.

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23 **SUP. KNABE:** MOVED BY YAROSLAVSKY, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH;  
24 WITHOUT OBJECTIONS, SO ORDERED.

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1    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE SHERIFF HAS ARRIVED, AND I WOULD LIKE TO  
2    CALL UP S-1.

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4    **SUP. KNABE:** OKAY. S-1 IS BEFORE US.

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6    **SUP. KNABE:** ANY TIME YOU'RE READY, SHERIFF?

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8    **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I AM READY. BUT JUST IN RESPONSE TO THIS  
9    ITEM, WAIT TILL EITHER MR. ANTONOVICH OR ANYONE ON THE BOARD  
10    WOULD LIKE TO OPEN THIS UP. THANK YOU FOR INVITING ME TO COME.

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12    **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** PLEASE OPEN WITH YOUR TESTIMONY AND THEN I'LL  
13    ASK YOU SOME QUESTIONS.

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15    **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THANK YOU. I'M WELL AWARE THAT WE'VE DONE A  
16    TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF WORK IN THE COUNTY JAIL WHEN IT COMES TO  
17    THE INTERVIEWING AND ASSESSING THOSE WHO HAVE ENTERED THE JAIL  
18    WHO MAY BE UNDOCUMENTED AND AS A RESULT OF THE CONTRACT WE  
19    HAVE WITH THE I.C.E. AGENCY, THE FEDERAL AGENCY THAT  
20    ULTIMATELY IS RESPONSIBLE FOR ALL ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS  
21    REGARDING UNDOCUMENTED ALIENS, THE KEY TO THE POINTS HERE  
22    TODAY ARE: CAN WE USE MORE HELP RELATIVE TO THE AMOUNT OF  
23    INTERVIEWS THAT ARE REQUIRED IN ORDER TO GET THIS JOB DONE?  
24    AND IS THIS PROGRAM SUCCESSFUL IN ITS GOALS? AND HOW THEN  
25    SHOULD WE PROCEED IN THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT WITH BOARD



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1 SUPPORT TO CONTINUE DOING SOMETHING THAT WORKS? I BELIEVE THE  
2 PROGRAM HAS SIGNIFICANT MERIT TO IT. I THINK THAT THERE SHOULD  
3 BE SOME CONTINUED DISCUSSION AS TO WHERE THIS PROGRAM CAN  
4 EVOLVE TO ANOTHER LEVEL. I HAVE A BELIEF THAT THE BOARD HAS  
5 GREAT CONCERN ABOUT THE PUBLIC SAFETY REALITIES OF THE COUNTY  
6 OF LOS ANGELES. EVERY POLICE DEPARTMENT IN THE COUNTY IS  
7 WATCHING WHAT WE DO HERE WHEN IT COMES TO OUR INCARCERATION  
8 POLICIES. I GET TREMENDOUS QUESTIONS TO ME AS TO WHAT THEIR  
9 STATUS IS OF THE PEOPLE THEY ARREST WHO MIGHT BE UNDOCUMENTED.  
10 AND SO THIS IS GENERALLY WHY I'M HERE, IS TO SAY THAT, ONE,  
11 OUR PROGRAM IS DOING A LOT. TWO, WE DO NEED MORE RESOURCES TO  
12 DO IT EVEN BETTER. AND, THREE, IN ORDER TO GET THOSE  
13 RESOURCES, THE BOARD HAS TO APPROVE THEM. NOW, WHEN IT COMES  
14 TO GANG MEMBERS IN PARTICULAR, I THINK THERE'S A NEED FOR US  
15 TO LITERALLY DISCUSS WHETHER OR NOT GANG MEMBERS IN AND OF  
16 THEMSELVES PRESENT A SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY, RELATIVE TO HOW  
17 WE MANAGE THAT POPULATION. AND IF THERE'S UNDOCUMENTED GANG  
18 MEMBERS, WHAT CAN WE DO TO GET AHEAD OF THAT IN ANY WAY THAT  
19 WE THINK IS APPROPRIATE? THE QUESTION OF HOW MANY PEOPLE THAT  
20 MIGHT BE GANG MEMBERS ARE INTERVIEWED AND HOW MANY GET  
21 ESTABLISHED AS UNDOCUMENTED IS ONE THAT WE ARE VERY, VERY  
22 CONSCIOUS OF. AND WHEN THEY DO COME IN ON THE INTAKE, IT'S  
23 OBVIOUS THAT WE'RE ABLE TO IDENTIFY MANY THROUGH CAL GANGS. SO  
24 THERE'S A REALITY HERE THAT WE'RE ALREADY TRACKING GANG  
25 MEMBERS AS THEY ENTER THE COUNTY JAIL. WHETHER OR NOT THAT



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1    PROCESS CAN BE STRENGTHENED WITH THE I.C.E. PROCESS IN THOSE  
2    CASES THAT ARE UNDOCUMENTED GANG MEMBERS, THAT'S A MATTER NOW  
3    THAT WE CAN CERTAINLY DISCUSS IF YOU CHOOSE TO. THERE IS A  
4    REAL IMPORTANT PART OF ANY POLICY THAT WE ENGAGE IN TOGETHER  
5    THAT WE HAVE TO DISCUSS IT, REVIEW IT AND COME FORWARD WITH  
6    THE METHODS OF IMPROVING WHAT WE DO. NO QUESTION ABOUT IT IN  
7    OUR COUNTY, GANG MEMBERS POSE AN EVER PRESENT PROBLEM THAT IS  
8    YET TO BE RESOLVED. I KNOW IN THE NEXT COMING WEEKS THAT THE  
9    BOARD WILL BE PRESENTED BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER AND  
10   MYSELF A PROPOSAL FOR THE GANG OF MERCY OPERATIONS CENTER. I  
11   BELIEVE COORDINATION OF ALL INFORMATION IS CRITICAL. AND WHAT  
12   I'M SAYING IS THAT THERE'S PHASES OF DEVELOPING A  
13   STRENGTHENING OF HOW WE DEAL WITH THIS INFORMATION, WHETHER  
14   IT'S KNOWING WHAT AN UNDOCUMENTED PERSON IS WHEN THEY ENTER  
15   THE JAIL OR WAIT UNTIL THEY SERVE THEIR SENTENCE AFTER  
16   CONVICTION. ALL ELEMENTS OF WHAT IS THE TRUTH REGARDING OUR  
17   RESPONSIBILITY WHEN IT COMES TO UNDOCUMENTED PEOPLE WHO ENTER  
18   THE COUNTY JAIL, THAT'S BASICALLY WHERE I AM. AND I THINK THE  
19   OBJECTIVE TODAY IS TO GET APPROVAL FOR MORE I.C.E.-RELATED  
20   INTERVIEWS THAT ARE NECESSARY SO THAT WE DO AS THOROUGH A JOB  
21   AS POSSIBLE. AND AS I STAND HERE OR SIT HERE SPEAKING TO YOU,  
22   CURRENTLY IN THE COUNTY JAIL RIGHT NOW THERE ARE OVER 4,000  
23   GANG MEMBERS IN VARIOUS STATUS, WHETHER IT'S SERVING SENTENCE  
24   OR BEING PRETRIAL; 90 PERCENT OF THEM ARE PRETRIAL. THOSE ARE  
25   MY OPENING COMMENTS.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** LET ME SAY THANK YOU FOR THE REPORT, SHERIFF  
3 AND YOUR COMMENTS. I UNDERSTAND THAT YOUR CUSTODY PERSONNEL  
4 CURRENTLY IDENTIFY GANG MEMBERS FOR CLASSIFICATION SAFETY  
5 PURPOSES. SO I WOULD ASSUME THAT THAT SORT OF INFORMATION IS  
6 NOW AVAILABLE?

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8 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES. AND WE GET THE CAL GANGS, WE GET THAT  
9 INFORMATION AS TO WHETHER THEY'RE, FIRST OF ALL, A GANG  
10 MEMBER. WE GET THAT THROUGH THE CAL GANGS FILE. AND THEN WE  
11 HAVE A TEAM OF DEPUTIES WHO ARE GANG INVESTIGATOR IN THE JAIL,  
12 BECAUSE WE'VE KNOWN HISTORICALLY THAT GANGS OPERATE IN THE  
13 JAILS. AND BECAUSE OF THEIR CIVIL RIGHTS, THEY'RE ABLE TO MAKE  
14 PHONE CALLS OUTSIDE THE JAIL. AND THERE'S EVIDENCE OF PAST  
15 INVESTIGATIONS AND CURRENT INVESTIGATIONS THAT COMMUNICATION  
16 TO COMMIT MORE CRIME IS AN ONGOING REALITY OF A CERTAIN  
17 SIGNIFICANT AMOUNT OF GANG MEMBERS.

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19 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** WHAT PERCENTAGE OF THE INDIVIDUALS WHO  
20 QUALIFY FOR AN INTERVIEW ARE ACTUAL GANG MEMBERS?

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22 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, I BELIEVE WE ARE DEALING WITH MOST IN  
23 KNOWING THAT THEY'RE GANG MEMBERS. AND WE GET THAT THROUGH A  
24 VARIETY OF REASONS OR SOURCES. ONE IS CAL GANGS. ANOTHER IS  
25 THEIR OWN SELF-IDENTIFIED STATUS. MANY OF THEM KNOW BECAUSE OF



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1 TELLING US THAT THEY'RE A GANG MEMBER THAT THEY'LL BE PLACED  
2 IN A HOUSING AREA THAT WOULD NOT CREATE A CONFLICT FOR THEM  
3 WITH ANOTHER GANG. AND SO MUCH OF THE INTERACTION IS FOR  
4 ASSURING THAT PROPER JAIL MANAGEMENT IS BEING DONE CONCERNING  
5 RIVAL GANGS THEMSELVES.

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7 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** SO IT WOULD BE MORE THAN HALF OR MORE THAN  
8 THREE QUARTERS?

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10 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I'M NOT POSITIVE ABOUT THE EXACT NUMBER. BUT  
11 I CAN GET BACK TO YOU WITH THAT SPECIFIC NUMBER.

12

13 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** IS THERE ANY REASON WHY WE SHOULDN'T GIVE  
14 PRIORITY TO THOSE ON THE INTERVIEW LISTS WHO ARE KNOWN GANG  
15 MEMBERS?

16

17 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** NO. NO. WE DO THAT AS IT STANDS NOW. AND THE  
18 KEY IS, IN ORDER TO ASSURE THAT WE DON'T HAVE GANGS  
19 INFILTRATING OTHER HOUSING AREAS AND CAUSING DIFFICULTIES  
20 THERE, WE PRETTY MUCH HAVE TO KNOW WHO THEY ARE. AND WE DO IT  
21 FOR THAT REASON.

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23 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** I HAVE A MOTION FIGHTING GANG VIOLENCE AND  
24 PROTECTING OUR COMMUNITIES FROM VIOLENT GANG MEMBERS IS A HIGH  
25 PRIORITY IN OUR COUNTY AND TO ENHANCE THOSE EFFORTS, THE



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1 SHERIFF PERSONNEL WHO CONDUCT THE IMMIGRATION INTERVIEW SHOULD  
2 GIVE PRIORITY TO THOSE INMATES ON THEIR INTERVIEW LIST WHO ARE  
3 KNOWN GANG MEMBERS. EVERY KNOWN GANG MEMBER WHO IS ON THE LIST  
4 FOR AN INTERVIEW OUGHT TO BE INTERVIEWED PRIOR TO RELEASE BACK  
5 INTO THE COMMUNITY. I WOULD MOVE THAT THE BOARD REQUEST THE  
6 SHERIFF TO MODIFY ITS 287-G PROGRAM, THAT INMATES WHO ARE ON  
7 THE INTERVIEW LIST AND ALSO ARE KNOWN GANG MEMBERS ARE GIVEN  
8 PRIORITY FOR INTERVIEWS AND ALSO THAT THE BOARD DIRECT THE  
9 C.E.O. TO WORK WITH THE SHERIFF TO DETERMINE IF THE SHERIFF'S  
10 EXISTING RESOURCES ARE ADEQUATE TO ENSURE KNOWN GANG MEMBERS  
11 ON THE INTERVIEW LISTS ARE INTERVIEWED PRIOR TO RELEASE FROM  
12 JAIL AND REPORT BACK 30 DAYS FOR THAT REPORT, OR SOONER IF YOU  
13 GET IT DONE SOONER.

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15 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THANK YOU.

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17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THERE ARE A NUMBER OF--

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19 **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, JUST A SECOND, IF I COULD FOLLOW-UP  
20 ON THAT?

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22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES.

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24 **SUP. KNABE:** AS IT RELATES TO THE INTERVIEW PROCESS, AS I  
25 UNDERSTAND THEM, MOST OF THESE INTERVIEWS ARE CONDUCTED AT THE





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1 TAIL END OF WHATEVER THEY'VE BEEN THERE FOR AND PRIOR TO  
2 RELEASE. IS THERE ANY ADVANTAGE OF MOVING THE ORIGINAL  
3 INTERVIEW UP TO FRONT END?

4

5 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES, THERE WOULD BE. BECAUSE INITIALLY  
6 BEFORE WE STARTED ON THIS PROGRAM, WE CAME BEFORE THE BOARD  
7 AND WE WANTED TO DO THE INTERVIEWS ON THE FRONT SIDE OF THIS.  
8 AND THEN THROUGH A VARIETY OF POINTS OF VIEW AND DISCUSSION WE  
9 GOT IT TO THE PLACE WHERE IT IS TODAY. BUT IN REGARDS TO  
10 GANGS, BECAUSE WE HAVE TO INTERVIEW THEM TO ASSESS THE  
11 PROBATIVENESS OF THEIR ABILITY TO BE HOUSED IN THE RIGHT  
12 PLACE, WE KNOW WHO THEY ARE. AND IT WOULDN'T TAKE MUCH, IN  
13 THAT CASE, OF THAT CATEGORY OF OFFENDERS, FOR US TO GO FURTHER  
14 TO SAY, NOW WE WANT TO KNOW IF YOU'RE AN UNDOCUMENTED GANG  
15 MEMBER, WE WANT TO BE ABLE TO GET A FEW MORE PIECES OF  
16 INFORMATION AND PASS IT ON TO THE I.C.E. PEOPLE.

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE AN ESTIMATE OF HOW MANY GANG  
19 MEMBERS YOU PRESENTLY HAVE THAT ARE AWAITING TRIAL? DO YOU  
20 KEEP A NUMBER? OR DO YOU KEEP SOME STATISTIC ON THAT?

21

22 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES. AN EXACT NUMBER I CAN'T GIVE YOU. BUT  
23 IT'S GENERALLY 90 PERCENT OF THE GANG MEMBERS IN OUR JAIL ARE  
24 AWAITING TRIAL. IT COULD BE HIGHER.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT DO YOU HAVE ANY IDEA OF HOW MANY PEOPLE  
2    WE'RE TALKING ABOUT?

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4    **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IT WOULD BE 90 PERCENT OF 4,000 PEOPLE.

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6    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO WHAT YOU'RE SAYING IS IT'S OVER 3,500  
7    PEOPLE THAT WE'RE TALKING ABOUT WOULD HAVE TO BE GOING THROUGH  
8    THE INTERVIEW PROCESS.

9

10   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** CORRECT.

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12   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU DO IDENTIFY EVERY PERSON WHO IS A GANG  
13   MEMBER WHO ACTUALLY COMES INTO THE JAIL. THERE'S NO QUESTION  
14   ABOUT THAT IF THEY'RE A KNOWN GANG MEMBER JUST IN TERMS OF  
15   PLACEMENT. RIGHT?

16

17   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES.

18

19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ARE THEY GIVEN A PARTICULAR CLASSIFICATION?

20

21   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** OTHER THAN THEIR CRIMES, THAT'S WHAT  
22   CLASSIFIES THEM. AND THEIR PROBATIVE RISK IN TERMS OF THEIR  
23   STATUS AS TO THE HARD LOCK OR THE MEDIUM SECURITY AND A  
24   VARIATION OF THE TWO.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU DON'T MIX GANG MEMBERS, THOUGH, FROM  
2    ONE GANG AND ANOTHER GANG ARE NOT MIXED IN THE SAME AREA?

3

4    **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IN CERTAIN CASES WE DO. IF THOSE THAT ARE OF  
5    A PARTICULAR RACE OR A PARTICULAR CULTURE, THERE'S A NEED TO  
6    RECOGNIZE THAT NOT ALL GANGS ARE FEUDING WITH EACH OTHER AND  
7    TO HOUSE THEM AS THEY'RE ABLE TO BE HOUSED.

8

9    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SEPARATELY, IS THAT IT?

10

11    **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** TOGETHER AND SEPARATELY. IT'S A VERY COMPLEX  
12    DECISION-MAKING PROCESS THAT'S USED BY OUR CLASSIFICATION  
13    PEOPLE. I HAVE CAPTAIN BARNES OVER HERE IN THE AUDIENCE HERE--  
14    COOPER, I'M SORRY. IF HE HAS A BETTER ANSWER THAN THE ONE I  
15    GAVE. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A BETTER ANSWER-- [LAUGHTER.] THERE'S  
16    THE MAN AFTER MY HEART.

17

18    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CAN YOU GIVE US SOME IDEA OF THE-- WHAT  
19    WOULD BE DIFFERENT IN TERMS OF YOUR MOVING THE INTERVIEW  
20    PROCESS UP TO A HIGHER LEVEL, WHETHER IT'S ENTRY, IN ORDER TO  
21    REALLY IDENTIFY GANG MEMBERS AND TO-- SINCE YOU REALLY KNOW A  
22    GANG MEMBER WHEN THEY COME IN.

23

24    **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** CORRECT.

25



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO WHAT WOULD BE THE OPERATIONAL  
2   CONSIDERATIONS IF YOU TOOK THE PROCESS OF DETERMINING THEIR  
3   STATUS AT THE TIME OF THEIR INITIAL INTERVIEWS?

4

5   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I THINK THAT IT WOULDN'T BE THAT DIFFICULT  
6   AT ALL BECAUSE MUCH OF THE LEVEL OF HOW WE GET STARTED WITH  
7   DETERMINING LEGAL OR ILLEGAL STATUS IS BASED ON WHAT THE  
8   PERSON SAYS WHEN THEY'RE ARRESTED, BY THE ARRESTING AGENCY.  
9   AND IN THE AREA OF PLACE OF BIRTH, THE POLICE OFFICERS IN THE  
10  FIELD HAVE IDENTIFIED THE COUNTRY OF BIRTH. THAT'S THE FIRST  
11  CLUE THAT THERE'S A NEED TO FOLLOW UP AND ASK MORE QUESTIONS.  
12  IN TERMS OF THE ANALYSIS OF OPERATIONAL NEEDS TO CULL OUT GANG  
13  MEMBERS ON THE FRONT END OF THEIR ENTRY TO THE JAIL, I CAN DO  
14  A REPORT BACK TO THIS BOARD THAT WOULD SAY WHAT PERCENT OF THE  
15  90 PERCENT AWAITING TRIAL ARE IMMIGRANTS THAT ARE  
16  UNDOCUMENTED, OR DOCUMENTED. THERE MIGHT BE SOME HERE LEGAL  
17  THAT'S AN IMMIGRANT. I DON'T HAVE THE DATA TO SHOW YOU. BUT IF  
18  YOU WERE TO GIVE ME A LITTLE TIME HERE, I CAN GIVE YOU THAT  
19  DATA THAT WOULD TELL YOU. IT MIGHT BE 5 PERCENT OR LESS OF THE  
20  ENTIRE GANG POPULATION IN JAIL THAT ARE UNDOCUMENTED. WHO  
21  KNOWS? I DON'T HAVE THAT ANSWER TO GIVE YOU.

22

23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT ARE THOSE THE KIND--

24

25   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** IT CERTAINLY WOULDN'T BE THE MAJORITY.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO, ALL RIGHT. BECAUSE OF COURSE WE KNOW  
3 THE MAJORITY ARE A VARIETY OF DIFFERENT ETHNICITIES.

4

5 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THAT AND THE FACT THAT THEY'RE HERE, BORN IN  
6 AMERICA.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DO YOU HAVE THE STAFF TO CARRY OUT THAT  
9 KIND OF INTERVIEW.

10

11 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I THINK I DO. AND GIVEN THE FACT THAT THE  
12 BOARD MAY PROVIDE ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO THE CAUSE, AS THEY  
13 SAY, I CERTAINLY KNOW I COULD DO IT.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. OTHER QUESTIONS? ALL RIGHT.  
16 THERE ARE A NUMBER OF PEOPLE WHO HAVE ASKED TO SPEAK. WE HAVE  
17 SO MANY PEOPLE THAT IF THERE'S NO OBJECTION, I WOULD LIKE TO  
18 ASK EVERYONE TO HAVE TWO MINUTES. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION TO  
19 JUST TWO MINUTES? DO YOU WANT ONE MINUTE? ONE MINUTE?  
20 (AUDIENCE YELLING).

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22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, SHERIFF?

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO ONE'S TRYING TO SHUT ANYONE UP.

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1    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I DO HAVE A COUPLE QUESTIONS.

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3    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** BUT EVERYONE, I KNOW WE WANT EVERYONE TO  
4    SPEAK. AND WE CAN'T HAVE ANYONE SHOUTING OUT. YES.

5

6    **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, BEFORE YOU START THE PUBLIC  
7    HEARING, I DID HAVE JUST ONE QUESTION. I JUST WANT TO  
8    UNDERSTAND THE PROCEDURE. WHEN WE FIRST ESTABLISHED THIS  
9    PROCESS THAT YOU'VE BEEN WORKING UNDER NOW FOR IT'S BEEN A  
10   COUPLE OF YEARS AT LEAST, THE INTERVIEW PROCESS, THIS WOULD  
11   CHANGE THE MOTIONS THAT ARE BEFORE US, OR MOTIONS BEFORE US  
12   WOULD CHANGE THIS. SO THE INTERVIEW QUESTION AS IT RELATES TO  
13   THE UNDOCUMENTED STATUS WOULD BE ACCELERATED, IS THAT CORRECT?

14

15   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES.

16

17   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ONLY AS IT RELATES TO GANG MEMBERS?

18

19   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** CONCERNING THE GANG MEMBERS, NOT THE  
20   INDIVIDUALS WHO FALL UNDER THE CATEGORY OF THE INITIAL BOARD  
21   POLICY AND THE POLICIES THAT I'VE ADOPTED BECAUSE OF THE  
22   BOARD'S INPUT. SO THE CULLING OUT OF A NEW GROUP WOULD BE  
23   EXCLUSIVE TO GANGS ALONE. AND SO IN THE ANALYSIS OF CHANGE, IT  
24   WOULD BE THAT OUR CURRENT PRACTICE CONTINUES WITH THE  
25   EXCEPTION OF GANG MEMBERS WHO MIGHT BE UNDOCUMENTED.





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2 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE CURRENT PRACTICE IS?

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4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WAIT UNTIL THEY'RE SENTENCED.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AFTER THE SENTENCING.

7

8 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** AND THEN ONCE THEY'VE SERVED THEIR SENTENCE,  
9 THAT INTERVIEW PROCESS OCCURS. AND THEN THE FORMALITIES WITH  
10 I.C.E. KICK IN.

11

12 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND WHEN YOU INTERVIEW, WHETHER IT'S THE  
13 GANG MEMBER OR SOMEBODY ELSE, WHEN YOU INTERVIEW SOMEBODY ON  
14 THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS, DO YOU RELY ON WHAT THEY TELL YOU  
15 WHEN YOU ASK THEM?

16

17 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES. WE HAVE NO JUDGMENT AS TO WHAT THE NEXT  
18 STEP IS OTHER THAN THE INFORMATION GATHERED IS TURNED OVER TO  
19 I.C.E.

20

21 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IF I'M ARRESTED AND I'M UNDOCUMENTED AND  
22 I COME TO THE JAIL AND THE DEPUTY IN THE JAIL ASKS ME, WHAT DO  
23 THEY ASK ME? "WHERE ARE YOU BORN? OR ARE YOU DOCUMENTED OR  
24 UNDOCUMENTED? ARE YOU A CITIZEN?"

25



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1   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THE FIRST THING THEY DO IS LOOK AT THE  
2   BOOKING SLIP. BUT THEN THE BOOKING SLIP WILL SAY "CALIFORNIA"  
3   OR IT WILL SAY "LOS ANGELES" OR IT WILL SAY WHATEVER. BUT IF  
4   IT SAYS "NICARAGUA" OR SOME COUNTRY, "GEORGIA."

5

6   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IS THAT PLACE OF BIRTH?

7

8   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** YES. THEN THAT BECOMES A TRIGGER FOR FURTHER  
9   QUESTIONS.

10

11   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** THE BOOKING SLIP, WHO FILLS OUT THE BOOKING  
12   SLIP? THE DEPUTY WHO MAKES THE ARREST?

13

14   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THE POLICE OFFICERS WHO MAKE THE ARREST.

15

16   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO I'M OUT ON THE STREET. I GET APPREHENDED.  
17   DEPUTY ASKS ME WHERE I WAS BORN. SUPPOSE I DON'T HAVE A  
18   DRIVER'S LICENSE OR ANYTHING.

19

20   **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** CORRECT.

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22   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ASK ME WHERE I WAS BORN. I SAY HOLLYWOOD.  
23   EVEN THOUGH I WAS BORN IN PAKISTAN, SO YOU WILL WRITE-- EXCUSE  
24   ME, FOLKS.

25



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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE AREN'T GOING TO HAVE THAT. LET ME  
2   EXPLAIN. ANYONE WHO HAS SCREAMED OUT, THERE IS A SHERIFF OVER  
3   HERE. HE WILL CONTACT YOU SO THAT YOU COULD GO OUTSIDE AND  
4   SCREAM. SO WE'RE ASKING EVERYONE TO BE QUIET AND RESPECT  
5   EVERYONE ELSE.

6

7   **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** ALL RIGHT, THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. SO IF I  
8   TELL THE OFFICER OUT IN THE FIELD WHEN HE APPREHENDS ME I WAS  
9   BORN IN CALIFORNIA, HOLLYWOOD. HE'LL ENTER IT THAT WAY IN THE  
10  BOOKING SLIP.

11

12  **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** RIGHT.

13

14  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** AND I GET TO JAIL, YOUR FOLKS IN THE JAIL  
15  SEE THAT IT SAYS CALIFORNIA, IT DOESN'T TRIGGER ANYTHING. IS  
16  THAT RIGHT?

17

18  **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** THAT'S CORRECT.

19

20  **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO LET ME JUST ASK YOU THE QUESTION, KIND OF  
21  AN ELEMENTARY QUESTION, WHICH IS: IF THE WORD GETS AROUND THAT  
22  YOU ARE GOING TO BE ASKED-- YOU ARE GOING TO BE ACCELERATING  
23  THE ENGAGEMENT OF I.C.E., THE IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS FOR PEOPLE  
24  WHO ARE "UNDOCUMENTED" AND THE WAY TO AVOID BEING DETECTED AS  
25  AN UNDOCUMENTED IS JUST TO TELL THE COP, "I WAS BORN IN L.A.,"



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1 WHY WOULDN'T MOST OF THESE FOLKS JUST SAY "I WAS BORN IN  
2 L.A.?"

3

4 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** WELL, THAT'S A VERY IMPORTANT QUESTION. AND  
5 I WOULD SAY THAT SOME CONCEIVABLY WOULD NOT IDENTIFY THEIR  
6 PLACE OF BIRTH. BUT GENERALLY OUR DATA SHOWS THAT THEY WILL  
7 IDENTIFY THEIR PLACE OF BIRTH, ESPECIALLY IF THERE'S A  
8 LANGUAGE ISSUE. THEN IT BECOMES ANOTHER QUESTION GETS ASKED.  
9 "WHERE DID YOU GO TO HIGH SCHOOL? WHERE DID YOU DO THIS OR  
10 THAT?" OBVIOUSLY THERE'S ANOTHER QUESTION. "WELL, WHERE WERE  
11 YOU REALLY BORN?" SO THE SOPHISTICATION LEVEL THAT OUR PEOPLE  
12 HAVE IS RATHER GOOD.

13

14 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** SO IT'S NOT JUST ONE QUESTION, YES OR NO.

15

16 **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** RIGHT. THAT'S TRUE OF THE POLICE OFFICERS  
17 MAKING THE ARREST.

18

19 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** I GOT YOU. AND THEN THERE IS THE CASE OF THE  
20 GUY ARRESTED ERRONEOUSLY, HE SAID HE WAS BORN OUTSIDE THE  
21 COUNTRY AND THEN WE GOT NAILED FOR IT, ARE GETTING NAILED FOR  
22 IT. SO YOU NEVER KNOW. OKAY. YOU ANSWERED MY QUESTION. THANK  
23 YOU.

24



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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER QUESTIONS OF THE SHERIFF?

2    SHERIFF, ARE YOU GOING TO BE HERE FOR A FEW MINUTES?

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4    **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** I'LL BE HERE, YES.

5

6    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU'LL STAY?

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8    **SHERIFF LEE BACA:** CERTAINLY.

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10   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE'RE GOING TO SET IT AT TWO

11   MINUTES PER PERSON. THE FIRST PEOPLE, AND AS I CALL YOUR NAME,

12   PLEASE COME FORWARD. THERE WILL BE FOUR SEATS. AND AS YOU

13   COMPLETE YOUR STATEMENT, IF YOU'LL LEAVE AND SOMEONE ELSE CAN

14   COME UP. NADIA KAHN, MIGUEL GUZMAN, TED HAYES AND CURTIS

15   SIEBERT, PLEASE COME FORWARD. NADIA KAHN, MIGUEL GUZMAN, TED

16   HAYES AND CURTIS SIEBERT, WOULD YOU PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME?

17

18   **NADIA KAHN:** NADIA KAHN.

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20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL JUST TAKE NADIA KAHN FIRST.

21

22   **NADIA KAHN:** SO BASICALLY, WHAT I WANT TO SAY IS I THINK

23   THERE'S A VERY CLEAR PROBLEM HERE WITH GANG VIOLENCE AND WITH

24   COMMUNITY VIOLENCE. I THINK A LOT OF US IN THIS ROOM AND

25   HOPEFULLY SHERIFF BACA IS STILL HEARING, A LOT OF US CAN AGREE



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1 THAT'S A REALLY BIG PROBLEM THAT NEEDS TO BE DEALT WITH. BUT  
2 MY PROBLEM IS THAT SHERIFF BACA EXPRESSES HIMSELF WITHOUT  
3 LOOKING FOR PUBLIC SAFETY IN REALLY DEALING WITH THIS. SO THEN  
4 WHY ARE POLICE OFFICERS, THEN, KILLING UNARMED PEOPLE, UNARMED  
5 AUTISTIC CHILDREN IN HOLLYWOOD AND 19-YEAR-OLD KIDS IN  
6 INGLEWOOD, AND PEOPLE WHO DIDN'T EVEN HAVE WEAPONS ON THEM? I  
7 THINK IF WE'RE REALLY LOOKING OUT, IF YOU TRULY ARE LOOKING TO  
8 GET THE GANG MEMBERS, THEN THOSE ARE THE PEOPLE YOU'D BE  
9 GETTING AND NOT DEPORTING PEOPLE AND TORTURING PEOPLE THAT  
10 REALLY HAVE NEVER DONE ANYTHING WRONG. AND I THINK WHAT WE  
11 REALLY ALSO NEED TO LOOK AT IS SHERIFF BACA WANTS TO OVERTURN  
12 SPECIAL ORDER 40, THAT'S HIS AGENDA. ALL HE'S TRYING TO DO  
13 WITH THIS IS MOVE AROUND THE LAW TO BE ABLE. [APPLAUSE.]

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. WE HAVE NO APPLAUSE, ALSO. IF  
16 YOU WANT TO GIVE APPROVAL, YOU DO THIS. BUT NO APPLAUSE.

17

18 **NADIA KAHN:** TO BE ABLE TO TURN POLICE OFFICERS INTO  
19 IMMIGRATION OFFICERS. WE KNOW THAT'S HIS ULTIMATE GOAL. HE'S  
20 EXPRESSED HIS CONTRAST TO SPECIAL ORDER 40. SO I THINK WE  
21 REALLY NEED TO LOOK AT THAT. WHAT THAT'S GOING TO DO IS THEN  
22 THE INNOCENT PEOPLE WHO REALLY WANT TO DEPEND UPON THE POLICE  
23 OFFICERS TO SAVE THEIR LIFE WHEN THEY'RE BEING BEATEN OR  
24 RAPED, THEY'RE GOING TO STOP CALLING POLICE OFFICERS BECAUSE  
25 THEY'RE GOING TO BE AFRAID THEY WILL GET DEPORTED. WHAT WE





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1 REALLY NEED TO DO IS ATTACK THE COMMUNITY VIOLENCE. JAMIEL  
2 SHAW SHOULD NOT HAVE BEEN KILLED AND THAT WAS NOT RIGHT. BUT  
3 THE ANSWER IS NOT TO INCREASE VIOLENCE OR INCREASE STATE  
4 VIOLENCE. THE ANSWER IS TO TRULY DEAL WITH COMMUNITY VIOLENCE  
5 WITHIN THE COMMUNITY. THE POLICE NEED TO TRULY SERVE AND STOP  
6 KILLING THE PEOPLE AND STOP GOING AGAINST PEOPLE WHO ARE  
7 INNOCENT. IF YOU REALLY WANT THE GANG MEMBERS--

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME IS UP. PLEASE STATE  
10 YOUR NAME.

11

12 **MIGUEL GUZMAN:** MIGUEL GUZMAN. THE REASON I'M HERE IS BECAUSE  
13 SHERIFF BACA SHOULD BE WORRYING ABOUT THE FUNGUS THAT'S IN THE  
14 JAIL CELLS RIGHT NOW BECAUSE THERE'S A LOT OF IT RIGHT NOW.  
15 AND THE OFFICERS SHOULD STOP ASKING US WHO DO WE GROW WITH,  
16 THE BLACKS OR THE HISPANICS. BECAUSE THAT CAUSES A PROBLEM  
17 WHEN WE'RE IN THERE. I MEAN, CHRISTIAN PORTILLO JUST GOT  
18 KILLED A FEW WEEKS AGO. TWO SHOTS ON THE CHEST BY THE  
19 SHERIFFS. SO I MEAN, THESE ARE THE THINGS THAT THE SHERIFFS  
20 AND THE POLICE DEPARTMENT ARE NOT REALLY LOOKING CAREFULLY  
21 BECAUSE THEY ARE ARRESTING AND KILLING PEOPLE WHO ARE NOT EVEN  
22 THE ONES THAT ARE COMMITTING THE CRIMES. WHEN DO WE HEAR ON  
23 THE NEWS ABOUT PEOPLE RUNNING OUT WITH A GUN TRYING TO SHOOT  
24 SOMEBODY? NO. WE HEAR ABOUT SOMEBODY GOT SHOT. WE DON'T HEAR  
25 ABOUT THE POLICE INTERFERING WITH THIS MAIN CRIMES THAT ARE



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1 GOING ON IN OUR COMMUNITIES. SO LET'S LOOK AT THIS AND TRY TO  
2 FIX ON WHAT WE HAVE IN FRONT OF US, WHICH IS THE PEOPLE THAT  
3 COME OVER HERE BECAUSE OF THE CIRCUMSTANCES, WHEREVER WE ARE,  
4 AND FOR YOUR ANSWER, BACA, ABOUT BEING AN AMERICAN, I DON'T  
5 KNOW IF YOU HAVE LOOKED AT THE AMERICA MAP, BUT CENTRAL  
6 AMERICA AND SOUTH AMERICA IS CONSIDERED AMERICANS. SO STOP  
7 CALLING LIKE JUST THE UNITED STATES AS AMERICANS. BECAUSE  
8 THAT'S COMPLETELY DISCRIMINATING AGAINST WHERE WE COME FROM.  
9 (SPEAKING IN SPANISH). WHERE YOU FROM IS THE SAME ATTITUDE THE  
10 SHERIFFS ARE TELLING US RIGHT NOW, BASICALLY WHERE YOU FROM  
11 AND WHO DO YOU CHILL WITH? THEY'RE NOT LOOKING AT WHO WE ARE  
12 INSIDE OF US SO WE CAN DETERMINE WHO WE ARE.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. CAMEY MCGIVRAY, DAVID  
15 SAXE PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

16

17 **TED HAYES:** GOOD MORNING, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS, MADAME CHAIR,  
18 EVERYBODY. THIS IS REALLY AN ISSUE OF, IT'S A MORAL ISSUE  
19 GOING ON HERE. WE COULD TALK ABOUT THE POLITICS, THE AGENDAS  
20 THAT PEOPLE HAVE, WHY WE LET THIS ONE GO, DIDN'T LET THIS ONE  
21 GO. HOW COME WE DON'T QUESTION THIS IMMIGRANT OR THAT ILLEGAL  
22 IMMIGRANT? THE ISSUE IS MORAL, AND I THINK IT BEGINS WITH YOU  
23 ELECTED OFFICIALS. YOU HAVE TAKEN AN OATH OF OFFICE TO DEFEND  
24 THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE CITIZENS THEREOF  
25 RECENTLY SHERIFF BACA-- WHO'S A GREAT GUY, I THINK HE HAS A



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1 BRILLIANT MIND-- SHERIFF BACA MADE A STATEMENT IN THE PAPERS  
2 ABOUT THIS GANG ISSUE THAT ACTUALLY WHAT WE'RE SEEING IN LOS  
3 ANGELES IS A POPULATION GROWTH AND DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGE. NOW, HE  
4 FELL SHORT OF SAYING ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IN THE ARTICLE. LET'S  
5 FACE IT, FOLKS, ALL THE PROBLEMS THAT WE ARE HAVING IN THIS  
6 COUNTRY RIGHT NOW, AS FAR AS THIS VIOLENCE AND SO FORTH, IT  
7 HAS TO DO WITH ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION OF TOO MANY PEOPLE YOU ARE  
8 ALLOWING TO COME INTO OUR SYSTEM AND IT'S BREAKING US. AND  
9 IT'S PARTICULARLY HAVING A DEVASTATING EFFECT ON BLACK PEOPLE,  
10 AFRICAN-AMERICANS, THE SONS OF THE SLAVES UPON WHOM THIS  
11 COUNTRY-- THE BACK UPON WHOM THIS COUNTRY WAS BUILT. THERE'S  
12 AN ETHNO-RACIAL CLEANSING COMMUNITY GOING ON IN THIS COMMUNITY  
13 WHERE BLACK PEOPLE ARE BEING PUSHED OUT OF OUR HOMES, OUT OF  
14 OUR JOBS, EVEN OUT OF OUR CIVIL RIGHTS, EVEN OUT OF OUR BIRTH  
15 RIGHTS. THE 14TH AMENDMENT, SECTION 1, WE TALK ABOUT SECURITY  
16 CLAUSE WHERE PEOPLE WHO WERE BORN HERE TO ILLEGAL PARENTS  
17 BECOME CITIZENS OF THE UNITED STATES. THAT'S OURS. IT'S  
18 KILLING US. WHAT I'M PROPOSING TO YOU, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
19 AND TO OTHER GOVERNMENT ENTITIES, THAT WE NEED TO ENTER INTO A  
20 DIALOGUE. I TRIED ON NUMEROUS OCCASIONS TO MEET WITH HISPANIC  
21 LATINO LEADERS TO DIALOGUE ABOUT THIS ISSUE, TO SAY, "WE  
22 DISAGREE WITH YOU." WELL, THAT'S THE POINT OF DIALOGUE. LET'S  
23 TALK. WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND THE ANSWER TO SOME OF THESE  
24 PROBLEMS IF WE'LL AT LEAST JUST SIT DOWN AND START TALKING  
25 WITH EACH OTHER INSTEAD OF HURLING THINGS. AND THAT WAY WE CAN



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1 STOP MURDERS THAT COULD HAPPEN TO YOUNG JAMIEL SHAW. IF WE  
2 DON'T STOP THIS, MORE AND MORE WILL COME, AND WE'RE GOING TO  
3 HAVE A REAL SERIOUS PROBLEM ONE DAY. SO I JUST WANT TO SHARE  
4 WITH YOU THAT, LET'S TALK. LET'S RESOLVE SOME OF THESE  
5 MATTERS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. DAVID SAXE WOULD YOU PLEASE COME  
8 FORWARD? PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. ARE YOU MR. SIEBERT?

9

10 **DAVID SAXE:** YES, GOOD MORNING, SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS DAVID  
11 SAXE. I'M JUST A LAYPERSON FROM THE SAN FERNANDO VALLEY AND A  
12 LANDSCAPER. AND BEFORE I SAY ANYTHING ELSE, I HAVE HIRED  
13 HISPANICS ALL MY CAREER TO WORK FOR ME, AND THEY'RE SOME OF  
14 THE FINEST PEOPLE YOU EVER WANT. BUT IN THIS COUNTRY, WE'RE  
15 SUPPOSED TO BE GOVERNED BY THE RULE OF LAW. AND ONE OF THE  
16 LAWS IS THAT IF YOU WANT TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS SOCIETY FULLY,  
17 YOU HAVE TO BE A COMPLETELY LEGAL CITIZEN. TO VOTE, TO  
18 PARTICIPATE, TO RECEIVE THE BENEFITS, AT LEAST YOU SHOULD HAVE  
19 TO BE LEGAL TO RECEIVE BENEFITS. AND AS I SAID ON THE SLIP  
20 THAT I TURNED IN, NOW THE BOARD DOESN'T DIRECTLY ADDRESS THE  
21 SPECIAL ORDER 40. I KNOW THAT'S A CITY ISSUE. BUT WE NEED TO  
22 DO WHAT I BELIEVE I HEARD THE SHERIFF SAY IS MODIFY THAT ORDER  
23 SO THAT AT LEAST THE GANG MEMBERS CAN BE PROCESSED IN THE SAME  
24 WAY, SERVE THEIR TIME, AND THEN, IF NECESSARY, BE DEPORTED.  
25 AND THAT WILL NOT ONLY PROTECT THOSE OF US THAT ARE CITIZENS,



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1 IT WILL PROTECT EVEN OTHER ILLEGAL ALIENS WHO ARE JUST HERE  
2 SIMPLY TO WORK. AND THAT'S ABOUT ALL I HAVE TO SAY. THANK YOU  
3 VERY MUCH.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. BARBARA BRIODEN AND BARBARA COE,  
6 PLEASE COME FORWARD.

7

8 **CURTIS SIEBERT:** MY NAME IS CURTIS SIEBERT. I'D JUST LIKE TO  
9 RELATE AN EXPERIENCE OF MINE, AND THAT'S THAT ONE DAY I WAS  
10 JUST WALKING TO THE POST OFFICE TO ACTUALLY MAKE A PHONE CALL,  
11 A TELEPHONE THERE. AND I WOKE UP THE NEXT MORNING IN THE  
12 U.C.L.A. EMERGENCY ROOM BECAUSE I WAS ATTACKED BY SOMEONE WHO  
13 ENDED UP BEING AN ILLEGAL ALIEN. I DIDN'T KNOW HIM AT ALL. HE  
14 DIDN'T KNOW ME AT ALL. THE POLICE REPORT SAID IT WAS ONE OF  
15 THE MOST VICIOUS ATTACKS RIGHT OUT IN THE OPEN THEY'D EVER  
16 SEEN. MY HEAD BOUNCED OFF THE SIDEWALK ABOUT A FOOT AND A  
17 HALF, I WAS TOLD. HE WENT BEFORE-- HE WAS APPREHENDED. AND THE  
18 NEXT MORNING, ABOUT AN HOUR AND A HALF BEFORE THE COURT OPENED  
19 UP IN SANTA MONICA, HE WAS BROUGHT BEFORE A JUDGE FOR SOME  
20 REASON. THE JUDGE BASICALLY SLAPPED HIM ON THE HAND AND HE WAS  
21 GONE AND THAT WAS THE END OF THE WHOLE THING. I TRIED TO TALK  
22 TO PEOPLE AND THIS AND THAT. BASICALLY I JUST HAD TO DO A LOT  
23 OF TAP DANCING AND THAT WAS AS FAR AS IT GOT. I WAS NEVER EVEN  
24 ABLE TO ASK HIM WHAT IT WAS ALL ABOUT.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHERE WERE YOU AND WHAT JURISDICTION WERE  
2    YOU?

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4    **CURTIS SIEBERT:** I WAS IN SANTA MONICA.

5

6    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SANTA MONICA. WELL, CERTAINLY I WAS GOING  
7    TO SAY IF IT WAS IN THE SHERIFF'S AREA, WE WOULD ASK ONE OF  
8    THE SHERIFFS TO LOOK INTO IT, BUT SOMEONE FROM SUPERVISOR  
9    YAROSLAVSKY'S OFFICE MIGHT BE ABLE TO TALK TO YOU TO FIND OUT  
10    MORE ABOUT IT. THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

11

12    **CAMEY MCGIVRAY:** MY NAME IS CAMEY MCGIVRAY. BY DEFINITION THE  
13    PERSON BEING RELEASED FROM PRISON HAS ALREADY COMMITTED A  
14    CRIME. THE WELCOME MAT FOR ILLEGALS SHOULD BE PULLED IF THEM  
15    AT THIS TIME. THAT PERSON SHOULD BE BOOTED OUT, AND NOT ONLY  
16    ARE THEY HERE ILLEGALLY BUT THEY HAVE COMMITTED A CRIME.  
17    THEY'RE NOT JUST WORKING, INNOCENTLY WORKING. NOW, WE HAVE-- I  
18    APPRECIATE WHAT SHERIFF BACA IS DOING. I DON'T THINK HE HAS  
19    THE PERSONNEL TO DO IT. I HEARD AN OFFICIAL FROM I.C.E.  
20    YESTERDAY WHO SAID THAT EVEN AT THAT STAGE, THEY'RE ONLY  
21    DEPORTING LEVEL 1 OR MURDERERS AND RAPISTS OR SOMETHING. BUT  
22    ALL THE OTHER CRIMES UNDERNEATH THERE, THEY JUST DON'T HAVE  
23    THE PERSONNEL TO GET RID OF THEM. NOW, IF A THREE-TIME LOSER  
24    LIKE PEDRO ESPINOZA, AN ILLEGAL ALIEN, HAD BEEN DEPORTED, A  
25    WINNER, LIKE JAMIEL SHAW WOULD STILL BE WALKING THE STREETS.





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1 YOUR FIRST ORDER OF BUSINESS SHOULD BE PROTECTING CITIZENS  
2 FROM DANGER AND NOT ALLOWING ILLEGAL ALIENS OF ANY LEVEL OF  
3 CRIME TO STAY IN THIS COUNTRY WITH IMPUNITY. IT'S A GROSS  
4 DERELICTION OF YOUR DUTY BY NOT BOUNCING THEM OUT OF HERE. WE  
5 HAVE ENOUGH CRIME AND CRIMINALS WITHOUT IMPORTING MORE. AND I  
6 APPRECIATE IT IF YOU WOULD GIVE SHERIFF BACA ENOUGH PERSONNEL  
7 OR ENOUGH MONEY TO, ONCE THEY INTERVIEWED THESE PEOPLE, TO  
8 TAKE THE NEXT STEP OF GETTING RID OF THEM. I DON'T CARE IF  
9 THEY WERE JAY WALKING.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD JIM GILCHRIST PLEASE COME FORWARD?  
12 PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. AND ALSO ROBIN HVIDSTON PLEASE STATE  
13 YOUR NAME, PLEASE?

14

15 **BARBARA COE:** YES, MY NAME'S BARBARA COE AND I'M HERE IN  
16 SUPPORT OF THE PASSAGE OF JAMIEL'S LAW. THE LEGAL STATUS OF  
17 EVERYONE ARRESTED SHOULD BE CHECKED, AND IF THEY'RE HERE  
18 ILLEGALLY, THEY SHOULD BE IMMEDIATELY REFERRED TO I.C.E. FOR  
19 PROCESSING. AND IF THEY ARE A KNOWN GANG MEMBER, SHOULD BE  
20 ARRESTED ON SITE AND IMMEDIATELY DEPORTED BY I.C.E. AS A  
21 SANCTUARY CITY, LOS ANGELES IS WELCOMING, HARBORING AND  
22 PROTECTING ILLEGAL ALIEN KILLERS YOUR SPECIAL ORDER 40 HAS  
23 PROVEN YOU'VE GIVEN THEM A LICENSE TO KILL JUST AS JAMIEL  
24 SHAW, JR. AND MANY OTHER INNOCENT VICTIMS HAVE BEEN BRUTALLY  
25 MURDERED. THE SAFETY OF LOS ANGELES CITIZENS IS YOUR



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1 RESPONSIBILITY. CONSEQUENTLY, IT IS OUR POSITION THAT YOUR  
2 REFUSAL, NOT INABILITY, BUT REFUSAL TO DO SO CLEARLY  
3 ILLUSTRATES THAT THE BLOOD OF THESE VICTIMS IS ON YOUR HANDS  
4 AND THIS MUST STOP. THANK YOU.

5

6 **ROBIN HVIDSTON:** MY NAME IS ROBIN HVIDSTON. I'M HERE TODAY TO  
7 EXPRESS MY DEEP SADNESS THAT AN INDIVIDUAL, JAMIEL SHAW, WAS  
8 MURDERED IN FRONT OF HIS OWN HOME. I JUST WOULD LIKE TO SAY IF  
9 OUR JAIL, IF OUR PRISON SYSTEM ENFORCED DEPORTING INDIVIDUALS  
10 IN OUR COUNTRY ILLEGALLY WHO ARE GANG MEMBERS, THIS STAR, THIS  
11 INDIVIDUAL WOULD STILL BE WITH US. HE COMES FROM A BEAUTIFUL  
12 FAMILY. GRANDPARENTS, COUSINS, AUNTS, UNCLES. THESE  
13 INDIVIDUALS DID NOT DESERVE THIS FATE. THEY ARE WORKING HARD  
14 NOW, VERY HARD. THEY'RE HERE TODAY, WE'RE HERE TODAY TO  
15 EXPRESS OUR DEEPEST SADNESS AT THE DEATH OF THIS GREAT YOUNG  
16 MAN. BUT ALSO TO SAY TO THE . SYSTEM: CHANGE SO THIS DOES NOT  
17 HAPPEN AGAIN. SO THAT WE DON'T LOSE MORE OF OUR CHILDREN TO  
18 INDIVIDUALS IN OUR COUNTRY ILLEGALLY KILLING GANG MEMBERS.  
19 THANK YOU.

20

21 **BARBARA BRIODEN:** GOOD MORNING. I'M BARBARA-- SORRY IT'S  
22 AFTERNOON. I'M BARBARA BRIODEN, ARTIST AND POET. I'M ALSO A  
23 COMMUNITY SERVICES SPECIALIST, WORKING WITH DEVELOPMENTALLY  
24 DISABLED YOUNG PEOPLE. TODAY I ADD MY VOICE TO THOSE OF THE  
25 MANY CONCERNED CITIZENS WHO ARE DEEPLY DISTURBED THAT 1,000



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1 PRISONERS ARE RELEASED DAILY TO OUR LOS ANGELES COUNTY  
2 COMMUNITIES WITHOUT ALWAYS HAVING THEIR IMMIGRATION STATUS  
3 CHECKED. THE SYSTEM MUST BE FIXED. 1,000 PRISONERS, MANY OF  
4 WHOM ARE VICIOUS MURDERERS, PEDOPHILES, RAPISTS, THIEVES, WHO  
5 HAVE NOT TAKEN THE RESPONSIBILITY TO BE REAL MEN BUT INSTEAD  
6 PREY UPON US, MANY OF WHOM ARE IN OUR COUNTRY ILLEGALLY. THEY  
7 MUST BE RETURNED TO THEIR COUNTRIES OF ORIGIN. HAVE THEY PAID  
8 THEIR DEBT TO OUR SOCIETY IF THEY HAVE NO RIGHT TO BE IN OUR  
9 COUNTRY? GANG MEMBER PEDRO ESPINOZA, WHO SO COWARDLY STOLE THE  
10 LIFE OF JAMIEL ANDRE SHAW II, OUR BELOVED AMERICAN SON, WAS  
11 OUT OF PRISON ONE DAY AND ALREADY HAD A GUN AND SOMEONE TO  
12 DRIVE HIM AROUND TO LOOK FOR VICTIMS. NO ONE CHECKED HIS  
13 IMMIGRATION STATUS. HE WAS IN OUR COUNTRY ILLEGALLY, HAD  
14 ALREADY LED A LIFE OF CRIME. I BESEECH YOU, BOARD OF  
15 SUPERVISORS, TO STAND WITH US IN GETTING SPECIAL ORDER 40  
16 OVERTURNED. NEXT TIME IT COULD BE ONE OF YOU IN YOUR FAMILIES,  
17 OR ONE OF YOU WHO IS USED FOR TARGET PRACTICE. LET'S TAKE THE  
18 HANDCUFFS OFF OUR DEDICATED LAW ENFORCEMENT AND PUT THEM ON  
19 THE CRIMINALS. LET US SPEAK FOR THOSE WHO CAN'T SPEAK FOR  
20 THEMSELVES. JAMIEL SHAW II, DEPUTY JUAN ESCALANTE, FATHER,  
21 HUSBAND, BROTHER, SON. MY FRIEND FRANK BARNEY SPENCER WHO WAS  
22 MURDERED IN CYPRESS PARK YEARS AGO, IN HIS OWN HOME ON VERDUGO  
23 ROAD. STABBED 32 TIMES ACCORDING TO DETECTIVE SNYDER FROM  
24 NORTHEAST L.A.P.D. I AM IMPORE YOU, GOOD MEN AND WOMEN TO  
25 STAND WITH US. DON'T LET THE SHAWS AND ESCALANTE FAMILIES, THE



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1 BALONA FAMILY OF SAN FRANCISCO BE FORGOTTEN. REACH OUT TO  
2 THESE PEOPLE. STAND WITH US NOW. DON'T BE STINGY OF SPIRIT. BE  
3 GENEROUS OF HEART. LET IT BEGIN WITH ME. IF NOT ME? WHO. IF  
4 NOT NOW? WHEN?

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.  
7 I'D LIKE TO ASK JAMIEL SHAW, ANITA SHAW AND ALTHEA SHAW TO  
8 COME FORWARD. MR. GILCHRIST.

9

10 **JIM GILCHRIST:** THANK YOU, MISS BURKE. WHAT HAPPENS IN LOS  
11 ANGELES

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

14

15 **JIM GILCHRIST:** I'M SORRY. I'M JIM GILCHRIST, THE FOUNDER AND  
16 PRESIDENT OF THE MINUTEMAN PROJECT FROM ALISO VALLEJO IN  
17 ORANGE COUNTY. I'M UP HERE TO PLEAD FOR THE CASE OF THE  
18 PREVENTION OF WHAT HAPPENED TO JAMIEL SHAW, DEPUTY JUAN  
19 ESCALANTE, DEPUTY ORTEGA. ALL MEMBERS OF LOS ANGELES SHERIFF'S  
20 DEPARTMENT WHO WERE MURDERED EITHER BY GANG MEMBER OR ILLEGAL  
21 ALIEN. AND THOSE ARE JUST THE NAMES I CAN REMEMBER. I'M SURE  
22 THERE ARE SEVERAL MORE. AND I WANT TO COMMEND SHERIFF BACA FOR  
23 DOING A SUPERLATIVE JOB AND ALL THE MEN AND WOMEN WHO SERVE  
24 UNDER HIM FOR DOING SUCH A GREAT JOB TO PRESERVE A CIVILIZED  
25 SOCIETY IN THIS COUNTY. NOW GETTING BACK TO LOS ANGELES



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1    GENERALLY SETS THE TREND NATIONALLY. WHAT HAPPENS HERE WILL  
2    HAPPEN IN ALISO VALLEJO, CALIFORNIA, WILL HAPPEN IN SAN  
3    BERNARDINO, WILL HAPPEN IN PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND, AND IN  
4    MIAMI, EVENTUALLY. AND I'D LIKE TO ENCOURAGE THE BOARD OF  
5    SUPERVISORS TO LET THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY AND CITY LAW  
6    ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS TO WORK VIGOROUSLY, AND I MEAN  
7    VIGOROUSLY, WITH THE BUREAU OF IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS  
8    ENFORCEMENT SO THAT WE CAN RID OUR SOCIETY OF PEOPLE WHO DO  
9    NOT BELONG HERE. THEY REALLY BELONG BACK IN THEIR HOMELANDS.  
10    AND WE CAN REPATRIATE THEM BACK THERE. THEY CAN DO IN THEIR  
11    HOMELANDS WHAT I'M DOING IN MY HOMELAND. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO  
12    SAY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

13

14    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. WHEN THE SHAWS  
15    COMPLETE THEIR STATEMENTS, I'M GOING TO CALL RAYMOND HERRERA,  
16    RABBI SHIFREN AND AHILAN ARULANANTHAN, SO IF YOU COULD GET  
17    READY TO COME UP AS SOON AS THE SHAWS COMPLETE THEIR  
18    PRESENTATION.

19

20    **JAMIEL SHAW:** GOOD MORNING, EVERYONE. THANK YOU FOR INVITING  
21    US, ANTONOVICH, \_\_\_\_\_ MOLINA, KNABE, AND ZEV YAROSLAVSKY. I  
22    JUST WANT TO FORGET NO ONE. WE'RE HERE IN SUPPORT OF JAMIEL'S  
23    LAW, OF COURSE. YOU KNOW WE'RE SUPPORTING SHERIFF BACA. YOU  
24    KNOW AS A FAMILY, WE LIKE SHERIFF BACA. HE'S A GOOD GUY. HE  
25    HAS A GOOD HEART. AND WE FEEL THAT HIS INTENTIONS ARE



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1 ADMIRABLE. HE'S TRYING TO DO THE RIGHT THING. AND WE  
2 APPRECIATE THAT. AND WE UNDERSTAND THAT WE HAVE A BIG PROBLEM  
3 HERE. WE HAVE ILLEGAL ALIEN GANG BANGERS KILLING U.S.  
4 CITIZENS. NO MATTER HOW YOU LOOK AT IT, YOU CAN SUGAR COAT IT.  
5 BUT MY SON WAS MURDERED BY ILLEGAL ALIEN GANG BANGER. HE WAS  
6 IDENTIFIED, DOCUMENTED, HE WAS IN AND OUT OF JAIL PRETTY MUCH  
7 HIS WHOLE LIFE AND NOTHING WAS DONE. AND IT'S JUST BAD THAT IT  
8 HAD TO COME DOWN ON US. WE'RE JUST THIS FAMILY LIKE EVERYBODY  
9 ELSE TRYING TO MAKE IT, TRYING TO TAKE CARE OF OUR KIDS,  
10 TRYING TO LIVE A LONG LIFE, GET SOME GRANDKIDS. AND IT'S GONE.  
11 WE'RE NOT GOING TO BE ABLE TO GET THAT. AND WE'RE MAD. WE'RE  
12 PISSED OFF. WE FEEL LIKE WE'VE BEEN CHEATED. MY SON WAS  
13 CHEATED OUT OF A LIFE. HE DID EVERYTHING RIGHT. HE WASN'T A  
14 PERFECT KID. NO ONE'S PERFECT. BUT HE WAS TRYING. HE WAS  
15 HEADED TO COLLEGE, WE KNOW THAT. WE KNOW THAT WAS 100 PERCENT  
16 FACT. WE HAD A SHOT AT GETTING IN THE N.F.L. WE HAD A SHOT AT  
17 THE OLYMPICS. HE RUNS TRACK. AND WE FEEL THAT PEOPLE AREN'T  
18 DOING THEIR JOB. THERE'S PEOPLE, THE ESCALANTE FAMILY, THE  
19 SHERIFF THAT JUST GOT KILLED, PEOPLE IN SAN FRANCISCO, YOU CAN  
20 GO ON AND ON, IT'S ALMOST LIKE EVERYONE HAS THIS "IT WON'T  
21 HAPPEN TO ME" MENTALITY. EVEN ME, YOU KNOW. I NEVER THOUGHT  
22 I'D BE SITTING HERE RIGHT NOW, MY SON BEING MURDERED. YOU KNOW  
23 WHAT I MEAN? IT'S THE LAST THING THAT WE THOUGHT ABOUT. WE  
24 THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO HAVE LONGEVITY. AND IT'S NOT RIGHT  
25 THAT THE GUYS ARE GOING INTO JAIL AND THEY KNOW THAT THEY HAVE





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1 LIKE A DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY TO WHERE THEY CAN DO WHAT THEY WANT  
2 TO DO AND THEY GET OUT OF JAIL AND THEY KNOW THEY DON'T HAVE  
3 TO LIVE BY THE RULES BECAUSE NO ONE IS MAKING THEM. AND I'M  
4 SORRY MY TIME'S EXPIRED. I JUST THANK YOU. BUT WE NEED TO GET  
5 THE ILLEGAL ALIEN GANG BANGERS. WE SHOULD BE ABLE TO COME  
6 TOGETHER ON THAT. ILLEGAL ALIEN GANG BANGERS, WHAT DO THEY  
7 HAVE TO GIVE US IN CALIFORNIA? WHAT ARE THEY DOING FOR US  
8 BESIDES GIVING THE FUNERAL HOMES BUSINESS? THANK YOU.

9

10 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

11

12 **ALTHEA SHAW:** THANK YOU. MY NAME IS ALTHEA SHAW. I'M THE AUNT  
13 OF JAMIEL SHAW II. I WANT TO READ A PART OF THIS. I KNOW WE  
14 HAVE TWO MINUTES. BUT I WANTED YOU TO KNOW THAT WE ARE HERE  
15 TODAY TO ASK THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO  
16 ORDER A COMPREHENSIVE INVESTIGATION AND REPORT OF FINDINGS  
17 REGARDING THE LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES AND PROCEDURES IN PLACE  
18 AT THE TIME OF THE MURDER OF JAMIEL SHAW II, SPECIFICALLY THE  
19 POLICIES AND PROCEDURES OF THE OFFICE OF DISTRICT ATTORNEY,  
20 THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT, THE COUNTY  
21 PROBATION DEPARTMENT, THE CALIFORNIA YOUTH AUTHORITY AND THE  
22 LOS ANGELES SUPERIOR COURT WITH REGARD TO THE PROSECUTION,  
23 INCARCERATION, SENTENCING AND PROBATION OF CRIMINAL ILLEGAL  
24 ALIENS. AND I ALSO WANTED TO SAY I THANK BACA FOR COMING,  
25 SHERIFF LEE BACA. AND HE SAID THAT-- HE MADE A POINT TO SAY





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1 THAT HE CAME HERE BEFORE ASKING THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
2 WOULD CHECK THE IMMIGRATION STATUS WHEN THE PERSON IS  
3 ARRESTED. WHEN A PERSON IS ARRESTED AND BOOKED, WHY IS THEIR  
4 IMMIGRATION STATUS NOT CHECKED AT THAT TIME? WHY DO THEY NOT  
5 HAVE EVEN A COLOR, A COLORED UNIFORM DIFFERENT THAN ALL OF THE  
6 OTHER MEN WHO ARE INCARCERATED? FOR CULVER CITY, IS CULVER  
7 CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT BOUND BY SPECIAL ORDER 40? WHY DID THEY  
8 NOT CHECK THE IMMIGRATION STATUS OF PEDRO ESPINOZA. THEY HAD  
9 HIM, THE DAY HE KILLED MY NEPHEW, THEY HAD HIM. THE DAY BEFORE  
10 HE KILLED MY NEPHEW, WEEKS BEFORE HE WAS IN THEIR CUSTODY. AS  
11 FAR AS THE JAILS, WE UNDERSTAND THERE'S A PROBLEM WITH THAT.  
12 THE DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S OFFICE, WHEN THEY'RE GIVING THE PEOPLE  
13 THE SENTENCE, ARE THEY CHECKING THE IMMIGRATION STATUS? WHY  
14 AREN'T THEY ASKING THE COURTS TO ADD ON THE TIME FOR THE  
15 PEOPLE WHO ARE ARRESTED? WE NEED AN INVESTIGATION. WE'RE NOT  
16 HERE JUST TO TALK. YOU ALL SHOULD BE TRYING TO PROTECT THE  
17 PEOPLE, ALL OF YOU, REGARDING THE ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION  
18 PROBLEMS. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. MISS SHAW?

21

22 **ANITA SHAW:** HI. MY NAME IS ANITA SHAW. I'M IN THE ARMY, ACTIVE  
23 DUTY. OF COURSE, AS YOU GUYS KNOW, I WAS IN IRAQ WHEN MY SON  
24 WAS KILLED. I WAS IN BAGHDAD, IRAQ. AND THAT'S THE WORST THING  
25 THAT ANYBODY COULD EVER EXPERIENCE IS TO LOSE THEIR CHILD. MY



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1 SON, WE TAUGHT HIM, WE ALWAYS TAUGHT HIM TO DO THE RIGHT THING  
2 AND TO BE MAN ABOUT IT AND EVERYTHING. AND TO HAVE AN ILLEGAL  
3 ALIEN, SOMEONE THAT IS NOT BORN IN THE UNITED STATES, TO TAKE  
4 HIS LIFE FOR NO REASON AT ALL. IT WASN'T A ROBBERY. IT WASN'T  
5 ANYTHING. IT WAS JUST HE CAME UP TO HIM AND SHOT HIM. ASKED  
6 HIM "WHAT SET YOU FROM?" AND JUST SHOT HIM FOR NO REASON.  
7 THREE DOORS FROM THE HOUSE IT JUST DOESN'T MAKE SENSE. I'M  
8 STILL TRYING TO MAKE SENSE OF IT. AND I CAN'T DO IT. MY  
9 YOUNGEST SON, ONE DAY HE ASKED, HE MADE A COMMENT ABOUT  
10 HISPANICS. IT WASN'T A NICE ONE. I SAID "WELL YOUR FRIEND  
11 CARLOS WOULDN'T BE TOO HAPPY ABOUT IT." HE SAID, "CARLOS? WHY  
12 WOULDN'T HE BE HAPPY?" THAT WAS HIS BEST FRIEND IN GERMANY. I  
13 TOLD HIM, "BECAUSE CARLOS IS LATINO." HE SAID, "HE IS? I  
14 DIDN'T KNOW THAT." WE TAUGHT OUR KIDS THAT NATIONALITY AND  
15 COLORS DON'T MAKE A DIFFERENCE, BUT WHEN YOU HAVE THE ILLEGAL  
16 ALIENS GANG BANGERS KILLING HIS BROTHER OR DOING ALL KINDS OF  
17 HARM TO AMERICAN CITIZENS, IT BRINGS BACK UP THE COLOR ISSUE.  
18 SOMETHING HAS TO BE DONE. THANK YOU.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. RAYMOND HERRERA, RABBI  
21 SHIFREN AND THEN WE'RE GOING TO CALL A GROUP, MARK ANTHONY  
22 JOHNSON, CYNTHIA BUIZA, NORA PRECIADO, AND AHILAN. THAT WILL  
23 BE THE GROUP AFTER WE HEAR FROM RAYMOND HERRERA AND RABBI  
24 SHIFREN PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, SIR.

25



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1   **RAYMOND HERRERA:** MY NAME IS RAYMOND HERRERA, NATIONAL RALLY  
2   SPOKESMAN FOR THE MINUTEMAN PROJECT, JIM GILCHRIST, FOUNDER  
3   AND PRESIDENT. I'M HERE TODAY TO ADDRESS THE COUNTY BOARD OF  
4   SUPERVISORS ON SPECIAL ORDER 40, ILLEGAL GANG BANGERS, THEIR  
5   PARENTS, AND WHAT'S WRONG WITH AMERICA TODAY. THERE ARE 50,000  
6   PLUS DEAD AMERICANS ACROSS THE UNITED STATES. ZEV UP THERE  
7   WANTS TO ACT LIKE HE'S CONCERNED ABOUT SOMETHING THAT MAY HAVE  
8   HAPPENED OR WHAT CAN HAPPEN OR WHATEVER. THE CONCERN IS THIS:  
9   MURDER, RAPE AND MAYHEM IN AMERICA, COMPLACENCY WITH OUR  
10   ELECTED OFFICIALS. I GOT SOME SPECIAL ORDERS. I GOT SPECIAL  
11   ORDER 40, DEPORT ILLEGAL ALIEN GANG BANGERS. SPECIAL ORDER 80,  
12   DEPORT THEIR PARENTS. SPECIAL ORDER 120, DEPORT THE COUNTY  
13   BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FOR L.A. [LAUGHTER.] AND ANY COMPLACENT  
14   IMMORAL ELECTED OFFICIAL THAT LOOKS THE OTHER WAY WHEN WE'RE  
15   BEING BUTCHERED IN THE STREETS. EVERYBODY HERE KNOWS THAT WE  
16   HAVE ILLEGAL ALIENS. IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH IMMIGRATION. AN  
17   ILLEGAL ALIEN IS A CRIMINAL. AND THEY COMMIT MORE CRIMES WHEN  
18   THEY'RE HERE. MURDER IS NOT ABOVE THEM, NOT BELOW THEM. THEY  
19   LOVE IT. IT WAS SAID THAT THE BLOOD IS ON YOUR HANDS. IT IS.  
20   EVERY TIME THAT YOU TURNED AND LOOKED THE OTHER WAY, YOU'VE  
21   KILLED ANOTHER AMERICAN. YOU DISPLACED ANOTHER AMERICAN  
22   WORKER. YOU'VE DISPLACED AN AMERICAN DREAM. AND YOU SIT HERE  
23   IN YOUR IVORY TOWER, BECAUSE IT'S NOT YOUR JOB, IT'S NOT YOUR  
24   AMERICAN DREAM AND IT'S NOT YOUR JAMIEL SHAW THAT WAS MURDERED  
25   IN THE STREETS. SHAME ON YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

3

4 **RABBI SHIFREN:** I'M RABBI SHIFREN, OF COURSE HE TOOK ALL THE  
5 THUNDER OUT OF MY SAILS ON THAT ONE.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WE'LL BE NEXT IN TERMS OF THEIR VITRIOLIC  
8 APPROACH. TODAY IT'S LATINOS, TOMORROW IT WILL BE AFRICAN  
9 AMERICANS AND JEWS.

10

11 **RABBI SHIFREN:** NOW DO I GET FIVE MORE SECONDS? THANK YOU. 20-  
12 YEAR VETERAN OF LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. BY THE  
13 WAY, I'M RUNNING FOR THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AND I KNOW I'LL  
14 GET YOUR VOTE. MY PLATFORM'S GOING TO BE REALLY SIMPLE. I HAVE  
15 WATCHED OUR SCHOOLS GO FROM GOOD TO COMPLETE DYSFUNCTION. AND  
16 25 PERCENT OF OUR STUDENTS ARE ILLEGAL ALIENS. NOW, OF THOSE  
17 25 PERCENT STUDENTS THAT ARE ILLEGAL ALIENS, I'D LIKE TO  
18 REMIND YOU THAT MANY OF THEM ARE GANG BANGERS. MYSELF AND MY  
19 FAMILY WERE PUT IN JEOPARDY BY A GANG BANGER WHO NOT SATISFIED  
20 WITH THE FAILURE GRADE THAT I GAVE HIM, DECIDED TO GO TO THE  
21 PRINCIPAL AT EL SERENO MIDDLE SCHOOL. AND HE TOLD THE  
22 PRINCIPAL THAT I HAD THREATENED TO KILL HIM. WELL, GREAT WAY  
23 TO GET THE FAILURE GRADE OFF YOUR RECORD, BECAUSE I WAS OUT OF  
24 THERE. THE PRINCIPAL TOLD ME TO BRING THE KEYS TO MY  
25 CLASSROOM. BRING THEM TO HIM. I'M NO LONGER A PART OF THE



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1 STAFF. I SAID, "WHY?" THIS IS WHAT HE TOLD ME. HE SAID, "WE  
2 HAVE AN ANTI-TERRORIST POLICY HERE." SO A MAN WITH FOUR  
3 CHILDREN, OUT ON THE STREET WHILE THIS ILLEGAL ALIEN GANG  
4 BANGER-- AND YOU KNOW WHAT REALLY HURT IS HE GOT THE F ERASED  
5 FROM HIS GRADE. THAT'S WHAT REALLY HURT ME. I'LL JUST SAY THAT  
6 I THINK THAT IT'S SEDITIONARY BEHAVIOR ON THE PART OF THIS BOARD  
7 AND ON THE PART OF CITY COUNCIL. AND IN A NORMAL COUNTRY,  
8 YOU'D BE TRIED FOR SEDITION FOR WHAT YOU'RE DOING TO OUR  
9 COUNTRY. AND I HOPE THAT I'LL HAVE EVERYBODY'S VOTE HERE. I'M  
10 GOING TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE. AND THAT'S WHAT WE NEED TO DO IN  
11 THIS COUNTRY.

12

13 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. WOULD YOU STATE YOUR NAME,  
14 PLEASE? AND WE'D LIKE TO ASK THE OTHER PEOPLE WHOSE NAMES I  
15 CALLED TO PLEASE COME FORWARD.

16

17 **AHILAN ARULANANTHAN:** GOOD AFTERNOON, EVERYONE. I'M AHILAN  
18 ARULANANTHAN. I'M THE DIRECTOR OF IMMIGRANTS' RIGHTS, THE  
19 NATIONAL SECURITY AT THE A.C.L.U. OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. I  
20 TESTIFIED AGAINST THE M.O.U. HERE IN 2005, AND I NOW  
21 REPRESENT-- [INAUDIBLE]

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23 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WAIT A MINUTE. WOULD YOU PLEASE ADDRESS HIM  
24 TO TELL HIM TO MOVE? ALL RIGHT. YES, YOU'LL SEE SOMEONE  
25 OUTSIDE.



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2 **AHILAN ARULANANTHAN:** SUPERVISOR, I HOPE YOU'LL GIVE ME JUST A  
3 COUPLE OF ADDITIONAL SECONDS.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** GO RIGHT AHEAD. WE'LL START YOUR TIME OVER.

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7 **AHILAN ARULANANTHAN:** I ALSO NOW REPRESENT PETER GUZMAN IN HIS  
8 SUIT AGAINST THE COUNTY FOR HIS WRONGFUL DEPORTATION. I WANT  
9 TO LIMIT MY REMARKS TO SOME TECHNICAL POINTS BASED ON THE  
10 PROPOSALS THAT SUPERVISOR KNABE AND SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH  
11 TALKED ABOUT TODAY. THE FIRST THING I WANT TO CLARIFY IS THAT  
12 THE MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING IS NOT LIMITED TO UNDOCUMENTED  
13 PEOPLE. THIS IS A REALLY IMPORTANT POINT I THINK FOR EVERYONE  
14 TO UNDERSTAND. THE SCREENING QUESTION THAT HAPPENS AT THE  
15 COUNTY JAIL IS WHETHER OR NOT YOU'RE FOREIGN-BORN. AND PEOPLE  
16 WHO ARE FOREIGN-BORN CAN BE U.S. CITIZENS. AND THEY CAN BE  
17 LAWFULLY PRESENT IMMIGRANTS. AND FIGURING OUT WHETHER SOMEBODY  
18 IS LAWFULLY PRESENT AFTER YOU KNOW THEY'RE FOREIGN BORN IS A  
19 COMPLICATED TASK. IT'S NOT AN EASY TASK BECAUSE THE  
20 IMMIGRATION LAW IS EXCEEDINGLY COMPLEX. NOW WHEN WE WERE HERE  
21 BEFORE, WE SAID, AMONG OTHER THINGS, IT'S DIFFICULT TO FIGURE  
22 OUT IF SOMEONE IS A CITIZEN BECAUSE OF COMPLEXITIES IN THE  
23 CITIZENSHIP LAW AND ALSO YOU HAVE TO ANALYZE THEIR IMMIGRATION  
24 HISTORY AND THE NATURE OF THEIR CONVICTION TO FIGURE OUT IF  
25 THEY'RE ACTUALLY LAWFULLY PRESENT OR NOT. WE SAID THEN



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1 MISTAKES WILL HAPPEN. AND OBVIOUSLY THERE WAS A MISTAKE, AS  
2 YOU'VE MENTIONED, SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY. AND I WANT TO  
3 CLARIFY ONE THING ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED IN PETER GUZMAN'S CASE.  
4 HE DID SAY THAT HE WAS BORN IN THE UNITED STATES. IN FACT THE  
5 COUNTY HAD THAT INFORMATION ALREADY. BUT THE QUESTION THAT WAS  
6 ASKED OF HIM BY THE CUSTODY OFFICIAL WAS "ARE YOU MEXICAN?"  
7 AND HE ANSWERED THAT YES, WHICH IN SOME WAYS IT IS A  
8 COMPREHENSIBLE ANSWER. I SAY THAT BECAUSE WHEN YOU ACTUALLY  
9 IMPLEMENT THIS IN THE JAIL WITH ITS MASSIVE OVERCROWDING AND  
10 ALL THE DIFFERENT PROBLEMS THAT IT HAS THERE, IT'S VERY  
11 DIFFICULT TO GET THIS RIGHT. AND WHEN YOU GET IT WRONG, THEN  
12 IT'S NOT GOING TO TAKE A LOT OF MISTAKES BEFORE THE COUNTY'S  
13 LIABILITY GOES UP INTO THE MILLIONS. GUZMAN IS JUST ONE  
14 EXAMPLE OF THAT. AND WE'RE COMMITTED TO CORRECTING THOSE  
15 MISTAKES THROUGH THE LEGAL PROCESS IF WE HAVE TO. LET ME JUST  
16 QUICKLY SAY A COUPLE THINGS ABOUT THE TWO PROPOSALS THAT WERE  
17 MENTIONED HERE. WITH RESPECT TO ASKING QUESTIONS ON THE FRONT  
18 END INSTEAD OF THE BACK END, I GUESS I JUST WANT TO SAY THAT  
19 YOU CAN ASK THE QUESTIONS WHEN YOU WANT AS A POLICY MATTER,  
20 BUT THERE'S NO AUTHORITY FOR THE SUIT FOR THE COUNTY TO DETAIN  
21 SOMEBODY ON AN IMMIGRATION HOLD IF THEIR CRIMINAL CASE IS  
22 OVER.  
23  
24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. DO YOU WANT TO WAIVE  
25 YOUR TIME?





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2 **SPEAKER:** YES.

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4 **AHILAN ARULANANTHAN:** SO THE COUNTY HAS NO AUTHORITY TO DETAIN  
5 PEOPLE ON THAT BASIS. I SPENT ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF MY TIME  
6 SUING THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT OVER ILLEGAL DETENTION OF  
7 IMMIGRANTS. SO IF THE COUNTY GETS INTO THE BUSINESS OF  
8 DETAINING PEOPLE FOR IMMIGRATION HOLDS, I THINK THAT WOULD BE  
9 A REALLY BIG MISTAKE. THE ONLY OTHER THING I WOULD SAY ABOUT  
10 THE PROPOSAL WITH RESPECT TO GANGS, IS, I KNOW YOU HAD SAID,  
11 SUPERVISOR BURKE, "OH WELL, WE KNOW WHO THE GANG MEMBERS ARE."  
12 WHAT THE SHERIFF IS USING TO MAKE THAT ASSESSMENT IS THE GANG  
13 DATABASE, WHICH HAS ABOUT 250,000 TO 300,000 PEOPLE IN IT. AND  
14 THAT'S A REALLY WIDE CUT. IT'S NOT GIVING YOU ONLY PEOPLE WHO  
15 ARE GANG BANGERS, OTHER WORDS BEING USED HERE. IT'S USING  
16 OTHER THINGS, ASSOCIATIONS AND PROBABLY RACE, TOO. I THINK FOR  
17 PEOPLE GETTING SWEEPED UP IN THAT, IT'S JUST AS MUCH A WRONG  
18 THAT THE BOARD SHOULD BE CONCERNED ABOUT AS IT IS FOR THE  
19 WRONGS THAT CUT THE OTHER WAY. LET ME GIVE THE REST OF MY  
20 TIME.

21

22 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU HAVE ANOTHER MINUTE.

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24 **NORA PRECIADO:** MY NAME IS NORA PRECIADO. I'M AN ATTORNEY WITH  
25 THE NATIONAL IMMIGRATION LAW CENTER, AND WE'RE ALSO HERE



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1 OPPOSING ANY EXPANSION OR PROPOSED EXPANSION TO THE M.O.U.  
2 THAT THE SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT CURRENTLY HAS IN THE JAILS.  
3 TARGETING ADDITIONAL POPULATIONS IS NOT GOING TO SOLVE ALL THE  
4 PROBLEMS THAT THE M.O.U. ALREADY HAS PRESENTED. AS AHILAN  
5 MENTIONED, WE KNEW THAT IT WAS GOING TO CREATE POTENTIAL  
6 LIABILITY FOR THE COUNTY, THAT IT WAS GOING TO CREATE A  
7 DIVERSION OF RESOURCES FROM TRADITIONAL LAW ENFORCEMENT  
8 RESPONSIBILITIES AND WE ALSO KNEW THAT IT WOULD INCREASE  
9 RACIAL PROFILING, WHICH IT HAS. AND I WANT TO ECHO WHAT MY  
10 COLLEAGUE SAID. THE IMMIGRATION LAW IS VERY COMPLEX. AND SO TO  
11 PRETEND THAT IT'S EASY TO DETERMINE WHO COMES INTO THIS SYSTEM  
12 AND TO BE ABLE TO TELL WHEN THEY'RE A CITIZEN OR NOT A CITIZEN  
13 AND WHETHER THERE SHOULD BE REPORTED TO I.C.E. FOR DEPORTATION  
14 IS A VERY COMPLEX MATTER. WE ASK THAT THE BOARD NOT AMEND THE  
15 M.O.U. AND INSTEAD TRY TO ALLEVIATE SOME OF THE DIFFICULTIES  
16 AND PROBLEMS THAT IT HAS POSED AND THE SERIOUS VIOLATIONS THAT  
17 HAVE BEEN COMMITTED UNDER ITS GUISE.

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19 **ANGELICA SALAS:** HELLO. GOOD MORNING. MY NAME'S ANGELICA SALAS.  
20 I'M HERE WITH THE COALITION FOR HUMANE IMMIGRANT RIGHTS OF LOS  
21 ANGELES. YOU HAD IT LISTED AS CYNTHIA BUIZA. I'M HERE ACTUALLY  
22 TO DRAW ATTENTION TO THE FLAWS AND LIMITATIONS OF THIS  
23 AGREEMENT AS IT CURRENTLY STANDS AND TO LET YOU KNOW THAT OUR  
24 COMMUNITIES ARE NOT SAFER, THEY ARE LESS SAFE WITH THIS KIND  
25 OF AGREEMENT. WE ALSO ARE HERE TO EMPHATICALLY SAY WE CANNOT



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1 EXPAND A FLAWED PROGRAM. THE 287-G MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
2 WITH L.A. COUNTY SHERIFFS WAS SIGNED IN 2005. IT WAS SUPPOSED  
3 TO BE A LIMITED TRAINING PROGRAM THAT EMPOWERED CERTAIN  
4 OFFICERS TO ENFORCE IMMIGRATION LAWS. WHAT WE HAVE SEEN, AND  
5 ACCORDING TO THE LOS ANGELES TIMES, IT'S OVER 10,840 PEOPLE  
6 HAVE BEEN REFERRED OVER TO IMMIGRATION ENFORCEMENT FOR  
7 POSSIBLE DEPORTATION. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT VIOLENT  
8 CRIMINALS. THEY'RE NOT MURDERERS. IN FACT, THE VAST MAJORITY  
9 OF PEOPLE HAVE SIMPLE OFFENSES, SUCH AS JAYWALKING AND TRAFFIC  
10 CITATIONS. SOME OF THEM HAVE MISDEMEANORS THAT WERE BECAUSE  
11 THEY WERE DRIVING WITHOUT A LICENSE. AND AS SHERIFF BACA SAID,  
12 YES, IN FACT, OTHER OFFICERS ARE ACTUALLY LOOKING TO WHAT L.A.  
13 COUNTY IS DOING. IN ORANGE COUNTY, WE HAD HOUSEHOLD WORKERS,  
14 DOMESTIC WORKERS WHO WERE ACTUALLY TURNED OVER TO THE SHERIFF  
15 BECAUSE THEY SAID THAT THESE INDIVIDUALS HAD ACTUALLY STOLEN  
16 SOMEBODY'S PURSE. THEY FOUND IT WAS NOT TRUE. WHEN THEY WANTED  
17 TO INVESTIGATION WHAT ACTUALLY HAPPENED, THE WOMEN HAD ALREADY  
18 BEEN DEPORTED. ULTIMATELY HATEMONGERING AND THE HATE SPEECH  
19 THAT WE HAVE HEARD TODAY IS NOT GOING TO MAKE US SAFE. IT'S  
20 NOT GOING TO BRING WONDERFUL PEOPLE BACK BECAUSE OF TRAGIC,  
21 TRAGIC CIRCUMSTANCES. WHAT I DO WANT TO SAY IS THAT WE WANT TO  
22 PARTICIPATE WITH THE SHERIFF TO MAKE US ALL SAFER. WE WANT  
23 POLICIES THAT WHERE EVERYBODY CAN PARTICIPATE, WHERE EVERYBODY  
24 CAN CALL THE SHERIFF, CAN CALL THE POLICE AND THEY DO NOT FEAR  
25 DEPORTATION AS A CONSEQUENCE. WE STAND BY COMMUNITY SAFETY. WE



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1 DO NOT STAND BY DEPORTATION. AND THIS HORRIBLE SPEECH THAT YOU  
2 COULD NOT IGNORE ALL THE THINGS THAT HAVE BEEN SAID TODAY.  
3 THANK YOU.

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5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO CALL UP NANCY RAMIREZ, WILLIE  
6 WALTON AND YVONNE CLARK. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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8 **MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON:** THANK YOU. GOOD MORNING, COUNTY BOARD OF  
9 SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS MARK ANTHONY JOHNSON. I'M HERE  
10 REPRESENTING THE COMMUNITY RIGHTS CAMPAIGN. IDEALLY WE WOULD  
11 LIKE YOU TO REPEAL THE M.O.U. HERE TODAY WE'D LIKE YOU TO  
12 REJECT ANY EXPANSION OF IT. AS A STEP TOWARDS PROTECTING BLACK  
13 AND BROWN PEOPLE'S CIVIL RIGHTS IN THIS CITY AND IN THIS  
14 COUNTY. TODAY I WANT TO ASK THAT WE TAKE A MOMENT TO REALLY  
15 EMPATHIZE WITH JAMIEL SHAW AND THEIR FAMILY. THE ACT OF  
16 VIOLENCE WAS TERRIBLE. IT WAS TERRIBLE. THESE THINGS ARE  
17 TERRIBLE. BLACK AND BROWN VIOLENCE, INTERRACIAL VIOLENCE, IT  
18 IS TERRIBLE. AS A BLACK MAN IT PAINS ME TO SEE THIS. HOWEVER,  
19 WE CANNOT ALLOW THESE EVENTS TO PLAY UP THE FEAR OF BLACK AND  
20 BROWN PEOPLE AND ALLOW THAT FEAR TO BECOME USED TO MAKE  
21 POLICIES THAT FURTHER CRIMINALIZE OUR COMMUNITIES, THAT  
22 FURTHER SANCTION THE LEVEL OF BRUTALITY AND ROUNDUPS THAT ARE  
23 HAPPENING. I WANT TO LOOK AT JUST HOW ACTUALLY CAL GANG WORKS  
24 AND HOW THE CRITERIA IS USED TO IDENTIFY THESE GANG MEMBERS AS  
25 THE GENTLEMAN WAS SAYING BEFORE. YOU HAVE ABOUT OVER 200,000



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1 PEOPLE ON THAT DATABASE, NONE OF WHICH IS FOR SURE  
2 IDENTIFIABLE GANG MEMBERS. YOU HAVE A CRITERIA OF ABOUT 10  
3 POINTS. ONLY ABOUT 2 OF THEM NEED TO BE MET FOR SOMEONE TO BE  
4 PLACED ON THIS DATABASE, WITHOUT THEIR KNOWLEDGE, WITHOUT  
5 PUBLIC RECORD, WITHOUT ANY MEANS OF FIGHTING TO GET THEIR WAY  
6 OFF OF THIS DATABASE, WHICH MEANS THAT THEY WILL BE VULNERABLE  
7 TO ENHANCEMENTS, WHETHER THEY ARE A GANG MEMBER OR NOT. WE  
8 THINK THIS IS ANOTHER NET PROFILING OF BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE.  
9 I WORK WITH HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH. EVERY DAY MANY BLACK AND BROWN  
10 HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH SHARE EXPERIENCES OF BEING HARASSED, BEING  
11 QUESTIONED, HAVING SEARCHES AND SEIZURES FROM POLICE ON AND  
12 OFF CAMPUS. GETTING THEIR SCHOOL SUPPLIES CONFISCATED BASED ON  
13 THIS CRITERIA. AND SO THIS IS HAPPENING IN THE SCHOOLS. IT  
14 DOESN'T MAKE OUR COMMUNITIES FEEL SAFE. IT IS NOT A STEP  
15 TOWARDS COMMUNITY SAFETY. AND THE ANALYSIS THAT BACKS THIS,  
16 THAT BACKS THIS GANG DATABASE IS ALSO FLAWED. I JUST WANT TO  
17 REALLY EMPHASIZE THAT WE NEED TO TAKE SOME STEPS TOWARDS  
18 PUBLIC SAFETY AND THIS M.O.U. IS NOT THE WAY TO DO IT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. NANCY  
21 RAMIREZ.

22

23 **WILLIE WALTON:** MY NAME IS WILLIE WALTON. I WANT TO THANK YOU,  
24 BOARD, FOR GIVING ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK. I JUST WANT TO  
25 SAY THIS. TAX LAW IS VERY COMPLICATED AND COMPLEX, BUT IF I



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1 DON'T PAY MY TAXES I WILL GO TO JAIL. IT WON'T BE A ROCK THAT  
2 I COULD GO AND HIDE UNDER THAT THE GOVERNMENT WOULDN'T FIND ME  
3 IF THEY KNEW THAT I DIDN'T PAY MY TAXES AND THROW ME IN JAIL.  
4 IT'S NOT A MATTER OF COMPLEX OR NOT. IT'S A MATTER OF, DID I  
5 PAY OR DIDN'T I PAY? AND IF I DIDN'T PAY, I'M GOING TO GO TO  
6 JAIL. THE SAME THING IS WITH ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. IT IS NOT A  
7 FACT OF LAW BEING COMPLEX. IT'S THAT, IF YOU ARE HERE LEGALLY  
8 AND IF YOU ARE HERE ILLEGALLY. IF YOU ARE HERE LEGALLY, THEN  
9 YOU HAVE ALL THE RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS BY WHICH THE  
10 GOVERNMENT HAS THE MEANS TO GIVE YOU. AND IF YOU ARE HERE  
11 ILLEGALLY, WELL THEN THE PROPER MEASURES SHOULD BE GIVEN TO,  
12 YOU KNOW, FIND A PROPER REMEDY TO YOUR SITUATION. ANOTHER  
13 THING THAT I WANTED TO SAY, EVERY TIME WE MENTION ILLEGAL  
14 IMMIGRATION, PEOPLE WANT TO THROW UP A SMOKE SCREEN AS IF  
15 WE'RE TALKING HATE SPEECH. I DON'T THINK IT HAS ANYTHING TO DO  
16 WITH HATE. WE'RE EXERCISING OUR RIGHTS AS AN AMERICAN CITIZEN.  
17 I DID NOT HEAR ONE WORD IN HERE THAT COULD BE CONSTRUED AS  
18 HATE AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED. ANOTHER THING I WANTED TO SAY  
19 WHEN THE PRESIDENT TAKES HIS OATH OF OFFICE, ONE OF THE THINGS  
20 HE SAYS, ONE OF THE THINGS THAT THEY TELL HIM, HE PLEDGES THAT  
21 HE'LL PROTECT THE CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTRY FROM ALL ENEMIES,  
22 FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC. NOW, IF ANY OTHER COUNTRY WERE SENDING  
23 ILLEGAL NATIONALS OVER HERE TO KILL AMERICANS ON THE STREET, I  
24 THINK THAT THERE WOULD BE A SOCIAL CIVIC UPROAR. ALL I'M  
25 ASKING FOR, AND ALL THESE PEOPLE HERE ARE ASKING FOR, THE SAME





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1 CONSIDERATION. IT IS YOUR CONSTITUTIONAL DUTY TO PROTECT US AS  
2 AMERICANS. THIS IS WHAT YOU NEED TO DO. THIS IS WHAT YOU  
3 SHOULD DO. AND THIS IS WHAT WE EXPECT YOU TO DO. THANK YOU  
4 VERY MUCH.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

7

8 **NANCY RAMIREZ:** MY NAME IS NANCY RAMIREZ AND I'M THE WESTERN  
9 REGIONAL COUNSEL FOR THE MEXICAN AMERICAN LEGAL DEFENSE IN  
10 EDUCATION.

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12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** COULD WE ASK FRANCISCO GEORGE AND BARBARA  
13 BELL TO COME FORWARD?

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15 **NANCY RAMIREZ:** OUR POSITION IS THAT LAW ENFORCEMENT POLICIES  
16 PROMOTE COMMUNITY COOPERATION WITH THE POLICE SO THAT CRIMES  
17 WILL BE REPORTED, WITNESSES FEEL SAFE TO COME FORWARD AND  
18 CRIMES WILL BE SOLVED. A COMMUNITY THAT TRUSTS LOCAL LAW  
19 ENFORCEMENT WILL BE MORE LIKELY TO COOPERATE WITH CRIMINAL  
20 INVESTIGATIONS. PROMOTING COOPERATION WITH THE POLICE FOSTERS  
21 PUBLIC SAFETY AND MAKES ALL OF US SAFER. WE ARE CONCERNED WITH  
22 ANY POLICIES THAT COULD LEAD TO AN INCREASE IN RACIAL  
23 PROFILING AND AN INCREASE IN FEAR IN THE COMMUNITY.  
24 JURISDICTIONS WITH M.O.U.S UNDER 287-G ARE MORE LIKELY TO  
25 RACIALLY PROFILE, AND THERE HAS BEEN AN INCREASE IN CIVIL





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1 RIGHTS VIOLATIONS IN THESE JURISDICTIONS. IN DAVIDSON COUNTY,  
2 TENNESSEE, LATINOS HAVE BEEN TARGETED FOR NONCRIMINAL  
3 OFFENSES. IN DAVIDSON, A LATINA IMMIGRANT, WHO WAS PREGNANT,  
4 WAS ARRESTED FOR A NONCRIMINAL OFFENSE, A TRAFFIC VIOLATION.  
5 SHE WENT INTO LABOR WHILE SHE WAS IN CUSTODY AND SHE WAS  
6 SHACKLED TO THE BED, NOT ALLOWED TO SEE HER BABY OR HER  
7 HUSBAND. IN PHOENIX, ARIZONA, WHICH ALSO HAS AN M.O.U. UNDER  
8 287-G, U.S. CITIZEN LATINOS LEGAL RESIDENTS AND PEOPLE WHO  
9 HAVE BEEN LAWFULLY PRESENT IN THE UNITED STATES HAVE BEEN  
10 TARGETED FOR PRETEXTUAL REASONS BASED ON THE COLOR OF THEIR  
11 SKIN. AS A RESULT, MALDEF ALONG WITH OTHER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE  
12 FILED A RACIAL PROFILING LAWSUIT. WE HAVE SOME CONCERNS WITH  
13 INTERVIEWING ALLEGED GANG MEMBERS BEFORE THEY STAND TRIAL. IT  
14 COULD LEAD TO AN INCENTIVE TO RACIALLY PROFILE BASED ON GANG  
15 APPEARANCES. WE BELIEVE IT'S BETTER TO VERIFY THEIR STATUS  
16 AFTER THEY HAVE STOOD TRIAL AND A DETERMINATION OF THEIR  
17 CULPABILITY HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED. AGREEMENTS WITH I.C.E. UNDER  
18 278-G DO NOT COVER THE COSTS OF LAWSUITS BASED ON CIVIL RIGHTS  
19 VIOLATIONS.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

22  
23 **YVONNE CLARK:** MY NAME IS YVONNE CLARK.  
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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WOULD EMMET SIMMONS AND MARIE REEVES COME  
2    FORWARD? YES.

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4    **YVONNE CLARK:** TODAY I HEARD THE COMMENT THAT TODAY LATINOS,  
5    TOMORROW SOMEONE ELSE. AND I SAY SHAME ON THAT COMMENT. THE  
6    SITUATION IS ILLEGAL GANG MEMBERS. THAT APPLIES TO NO MATTER  
7    WHAT RACE. NO MATTER WHAT COUNTRY, BE IT EUROPE OR AFRICA.  
8    TRUE, THE SITUATION IS NOW THIS TYPE OF VIOLENCE IS COMING  
9    MOSTLY FROM ILLEGALS FROM LATIN COUNTRIES. THAT WAS JUST WHAT  
10   I WANTED TO COMMENT THERE ON. I ALSO WOULD LIKE TO ASK THAT  
11   THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES BE INVESTIGATED THAT SET PEDRO  
12   ESPINOZA FREE TO KILL ONE OF OUR SHINING STARS, JAMIEL SHAW.  
13   AGAIN, ANOTHER THING, I'D LIKE TO ASK THAT LOS ANGELES NO  
14   LONGER BE A SANCTUARY CITY FOR ILLEGAL ALIENS WHO ARE  
15   COMMITTING MURDERS AND GANG BANGERS OF ANY RACE FROM ANY  
16   COUNTRY. AND WE ESPECIALLY NEED TO REPEAL SPECIAL ORDER 40.  
17   LET'S KEEP IN OUR MINDS AND OUR HEARTS WHAT HAS HAPPENED TO  
18   THE SHAW FAMILY, THE ESCALANTE FAMILY, THE FAMILY IN SAN  
19   FRANCISCO WHERE A WIFE LOST TWO SONS AND HER HUSBAND. ALL OF  
20   THESE WERE MURDERS COMMITTED BY PEOPLE WHO SHOULD NOT HAVE  
21   BEEN IN THIS COUNTRY. I MYSELF, I HAVE FOUR HALF MEXICAN  
22   GRANDCHILDREN. THEY ARE LEGALS. THEIR MOTHER AND THEIR FAMILY  
23   IS LEGAL. I'M NOT AGAINST MEXICANS. I'M AGAINST ILLEGAL  
24   IMMIGRANTS WHO MURDER.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

2

3    **FRANCISCO JORGE:** GOOD AFTERNOON. MY NAME IS FRANCISCO JORGE. I  
4    AM A LEGAL IMMIGRANT TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, PROUD  
5    NATURALIZED CITIZEN, AND I RECOGNIZE THAT THE UNITED STATES OF  
6    AMERICA, AS LOS ANGELES COUNTY, EXISTS IN AN UNDECLARED STATE  
7    OF EMERGENCY DUE TO ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION. I'M HERE IN SUPPORT  
8    OF JAMIEL'S LAW, THE CHANGES THAT ARE WANTED. I'M HERE IN  
9    SUPPORT OF 287-G, EXPANSION OF THAT PROGRAM. AND THE ATTORNEY  
10   THAT SPOKE FOR ONE OF THE SO-CALLED HUMAN RIGHTS GROUPS GAVE  
11   YOU EVIDENCE THAT IT IS INDEED AN EFFECTIVE PROGRAM TO USE  
12   BECAUSE EVERYBODY THAT WAS ILLEGAL THAT WAS JUST A HOUSEKEEPER  
13   OR WALKING ACROSS THE STREET WAS SENT BACK TO THEIR HOME  
14   COUNTRY. AND THAT IS WHAT SHOULD BE HAPPENING. ONE OF THE  
15   MOTIVATING FACTORS THAT BROUGHT ME HERE TODAY, LADIES AND  
16   GENTLEMEN, IS THAT LITTLE JIMMY BLUE EYES ALSO KNOWN AS FRANK  
17   BROOKS, FIVE YEARS OLD IN MISSISSIPPI WAS KILLED BY AN ILLEGAL  
18   ALIEN WHEN THIS ILLEGAL ALIEN TRIED TO FLEE, HE SMACKED INTO A  
19   TREE, BECAUSE HE WAS DRUNK. BEER BOTTLES, DOCUMENTS THAT  
20   IDENTIFIED HIM AS A MEXICAN NATIONAL WERE FOUND, AND TENNESSEE  
21   I.D., NO DRIVER'S LICENSE, NOTHING OTHER THAN THAT. I'M GOING  
22   TO TELL YOU SOMETHING, THAT YOU ARE IN FACT THE KIND OF  
23   POLITICIANS THAT ENABLED THAT MURDER AS YOU HAVE DOZENS OF  
24   MURDERS IN THIS L.A. COUNTY, NOT ALL OF YOU BUT SOME OF YOU  
25   MOST CERTAINLY. YOUR DUTY IS TO PROTECT THIS COUNTRY, TO



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1 PROTECT YOUR PEOPLE. SOMEBODY CAME FROM ANOTHER COUNTRY,  
2 THAT'S A RESPONSIBILITY OF THAT OTHER COUNTRY, AND IT'S A  
3 PERSONAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR THOSE PEOPLE TO REALIZE THAT IF  
4 THEY'RE ARRESTED, HEY, THEY GET DEPORTED AND THAT'S JUST FINE  
5 WITH ME. I FIND THAT THERE'S 25 PEOPLE KILLED EVERY SINGLE DAY  
6 BY ILLEGAL ALIENS. YOU ARE THE PEOPLE THAT HAVE ALLOWED THIS  
7 TO HAPPEN. IF IT'S GOT TO BE A MEMBER OF MY FAMILY OR YOURS,  
8 LET IT BE YOURS. YOU ARE A CONTEMPTIBLE BUNCH OF PEOPLE. YOU  
9 HAVE BEEN COWARDLY. YOU HAVE BEEN WEAK. AND THE BEST THING  
10 THAT WE COULD DO IS TO HAVE 287-G EXPANDED AND TO GET RID OF  
11 EVERY SINGLE ONE OF YOU WHO HAVE AUTO ENABLED MURDERERS FROM  
12 FOREIGN COUNTRIES. IF SOMEONE MUST DIE TONIGHT, LET IT BE ONE  
13 OF YOURS, NOT ONE OF MINE.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. WOULD EVERYONE PLEASE  
16 COME UP WHOSE NAMES I'VE CALLED. MARIE REEVES? EMMET SIMMONS,  
17 BARBARA BELL? AND LAMONT CLARK PLEASE COME FORWARD. PLEASE  
18 STATE YOUR NAME.

19

20 **BARBARA BELL:** MY NAME IS BARBARA BELL. I CAME HERE TO SUPPORT  
21 THE JAMIEL SHAW FAMILY AND WAS GOING TO TALK ABOUT  
22 INVESTIGATING JUST WHY THERE WAS AN ABROGATION AND A  
23 DERELICTION OF DUTY IN PROCESSING HIS MURDERER. BUT INSTEAD I  
24 WOULD LIKE TO ADDRESS WHAT SOME OF THE LEGAL EAGLES STARTED TO  
25 STATE. THEY'RE GOING TO TRY TO LEAD YOU TO BELIEVE THAT YOU



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1 WILL HAVE FINANCIAL EXPOSURE IF YOU ENFORCE THE LAWS OF THE  
2 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. AND I'M HERE AS JUST A REGULAR OLD  
3 ORDINARY CITIZEN, AND I WANT TO SAY: IT'S COMING, FOLKS.  
4 PRETTY SOON YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE LOTS OF LEGAL EXPOSURE AND  
5 FINANCIAL EXPOSURE IF YOU DON'T START ENFORCING THE LAWS OF  
6 THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA. IT IS AN ABSOLUTE ABOMINATION  
7 THAT THERE HAS TO BE A HEARING TO DISCUSS WHETHER OR NOT  
8 SOMEONE WHO'S ALREADY IN THE SYSTEM SHOULD BE ASKED-- WE  
9 SHOULD VALIDATE THEIR STATEMENT REGARDING THEIR IMMIGRATION  
10 STATUS. THEY'RE ALREADY CRIMINALS OR THEY WOULDN'T BE IN JAIL.  
11 WHY IS IT SO COMPLICATED? THESE ARE CRIMINALS. DO YOU WANT  
12 MORE CRIMINALS? YOU KNOW, I GUESS WHAT'S REALLY FRIGHTENING  
13 IS, THE LONGER I LIVE IN THIS AREA, I THINK WHO IS THE  
14 CONSTITUENCY FOR THE ELECTED BODIES HERE? I DON'T THINK IT'S  
15 ME. AND AT SOME POINT WE AMERICANS, WE LEGAL AMERICANS,  
16 NATURALIZED AND NATIVE BORN, WE ARE GOING TO RISE UP, AND ONE  
17 OF THE FIRST WAYS THAT WE ARE GOING TO ASSERT OURSELVES IS  
18 WE'RE GOING TO START SUING GOVERNMENT ENTITIES THAT DO NOT  
19 ENFORCE THE LAW AND PUT AMERICAN AND LEGAL CITIZENS AT RISK.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME

22

23 **EMMET SIMMONS:** MY NAME IS EMMET--

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'D LIKE TO ASK KAREN KLAPARDA TO PLEASE  
2    COME FORWARD. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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4    **EMMET SIMMONS:** MY NAME IS EMMET SIMMONS. MISS BURKE, WHEN I  
5    TAKE ONE LOOK AT YOU I WAS ONE OF YOUR FIRST CLIENTS WHEN YOU  
6    GRADUATED FROM U.C.L.A. YOUR DAD USED TO BE MY MECHANIC.

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8    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MY COUSIN.

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10   **EMMET SIMMONS:** YEAH, YOUR COUSIN. AND OF COURSE AS I SAY, YOU  
11   HAVE SERVED WELL. AND I HOPE WHEN YOU RETIRE, A PLEASANT AND  
12   LONG RETIREMENT. I'M HERE TO SUPPORT YOUR JAMIEL SHAW LAW. I  
13   DON'T KNOW WHY IT'S SO HARD FOR US TO UNDERSTAND AS AMERICAN  
14   CITIZENS THAT WE'RE GOING TO LET PEOPLE COME IN HERE WHO ARE  
15   NOT CITIZENS AND CAN FLIRT THE LAW, TAKE OUR PEOPLE'S LIVES  
16   AND WE CAN LOOK THE OTHER WAY. AND JUNE 6TH, 1944, I WAS ONE  
17   OF THE FIRST SOLDIERS TO PUT THE FOOT ON FRENCH SOIL AT  
18   NORMANDY. I WAS COMMANDING OFFICER, A COMPANY, B COMPANY AND C  
19   COMPANY. I LOST A COMPANY, B COMPANY, AND C COMPANY. THIS IS  
20   THE ONLY COUNTRY I KNOW. I WAS BORN IN LOUISIANA. WENT TO  
21   SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY AND GRADUATED FROM UNIVERSITY OF  
22   PENNSYLVANIA. I'VE HAD A LONG, GOOD SUCCESSFUL LIFE. I AM  
23   AMERICAN. I CAN'T GO SOMEPLACE ELSE AND DEMAND THE RIGHTS THAT  
24   THE AMERICAN CITIZENS HAVE AND THEY DON'T HAVE. I THINK ONE  
25   THING THAT WE SHOULD DO WHEN WORLD WAR II WAS OVER WITH, WE



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1 HAD A MARTIAL PLAN. I THINK THE OFFICIALS, I THINK THE  
2 PRESIDENT SHOULD DEMAND THAT THE PRESIDENT OF MEXICO,  
3 PRESIDENT OF GUATEMALA, TAKE CARE OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE. AND  
4 GIVE THEM THERE AND KEEP THEM THERE. DON'T LET THEM COME HERE.  
5 AND THEN WHEN THEY COME HERE, THEY GOING TO VIOLATE EVERY RULE  
6 IN THE BOOK AND HOLLER ABOUT "THEY GOT RIGHTS" OVER MY RIGHTS.  
7 AS I SAY, JAMIEL, THAT YOUNGSTER HADN'T-- IF HE HAD DONE  
8 SOMETHING WRONG, BUT HE DIDN'T. AND OF COURSE HIS LIFE WAS  
9 SNUFFED OUT. AND THOSE SAME PEOPLE THAT LIVE IN CULVER CITY  
10 WHO ARE ILLEGAL HERE, I.C.E. HAVEN'T DONE NOTHING ABOUT IT.  
11 THEY'RE ALL HANGING AROUND HERE THAT NEED TO BE DEPORTED. I  
12 WENT DOWN ON THE BORDER. AND I LOOKED AT-- THEY ASKED ME THOSE  
13 TUNNELS DOWN THERE. I SHOWED THEM HOW TO BUTTON SOME OF THEM  
14 UP. I AIN'T NEVER SEEN SO MANY PEOPLE WHEN I GOT UP ON THAT  
15 LADDER OVER IN MEXICO. I FEEL FOR A LOT OF THEM. RUNNING UP  
16 AND DOWN THAT BORDER TRYING TO FIGURE OUT HOW TO GET IN. WHY?  
17 BECAUSE THEIR LEADERSHIP, A HANDFUL GET THE BENEFIT OF  
18 EVERYTHING AND THEY GET NOTHING. SO LETTING PEOPLE IN.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED. THANK YOU. PLEASE  
21 STATE YOUR NAME.

22

23 **MARIE REEVES:** YES. MY NAME IS MARIE REEVES. I CAME TO BE  
24 SUPPORTIVE OF THE SHAW FAMILY TODAY, BUT I DISCOVERED THAT I  
25 COULD SPEAK FROM PERSONAL EXPERIENCE. I CARRY A CANE BECAUSE





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1 OF SOMEONE THAT DIDN'T SPEAK ENGLISH. I'M CRIPPLED FOR LIFE  
2 BECAUSE OF ONE THAT DOESN'T SPEAK ENGLISH. I LIVE IN THE SHAW  
3 NEIGHBORHOOD. I'M AFRAID TO GO OUT OF MY HOUSE. I HATE TO GO  
4 TO THE STORE BECAUSE NOBODY THERE LOOKS LIKE ME. NOBODY SPEAKS  
5 MY LANGUAGE OR ANYTHING ELSE. AND THE SAD THING ABOUT IT, FOR  
6 ABOUT FOUR OR FIVE YEARS, MY JOB AT ARCO DOWNTOWN L.A. WAS TO  
7 TRAIN FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENTS. AND THEY WOULD TELL ME,  
8 LOOKING AT MY BEAUTIFUL BROWN SKIN, "I DON'T LIKE AMERICA. I  
9 DON'T LIKE AMERICANS. I AM JUST HERE FOR THE FREE MONEY AND TO  
10 LEARN HOW TO BEAT YOUR SYSTEM. "AND IT HURTS ME. I'M ALMOST 70  
11 YEARS OF AGE, AND I THINK I'VE GOT TO GO THE REST-- I'M GOING  
12 TO LIVE UNTIL I'M ABOUT 95. BUT I'VE GOT TO GO THE REST OF MY  
13 LIFE AND PUT UP WITH ALL THESE PEOPLE WHO DON'T LIKE ME  
14 BECAUSE OF MY BEAUTIFUL DARK SKIN? IT JUST HURTS ME. IT  
15 IRRITATES ME. AND WHEN PEOPLE GET ANGRY, THEY DO THINGS THEY  
16 WOULDN'T NORMALLY DO. I USED TO BE A VERY, VERY QUIET LADY  
17 UNTIL SOMEONE JUMPED ON ME WHEN I WAS ABOUT 60, THAT DIDN'T  
18 SPEAK ENGLISH. THEY PICKED ON THE WRONG SENIOR CITIZEN. I BEAT  
19 THE CRAP OUT OF THE PERSON. BUT IT JUST HURTS ME THAT MY  
20 GOVERNMENT, THE POLICE DEPARTMENT WILL NOT PROTECT ME 120-  
21 POUND, 70 YEAR OLD WOMAN. I'M FURIOUS. THAT'S ALL I HAVE TO  
22 SAY. AND I'M GOING TO BE BEHIND SHAW AND HIS FAMILY. I JUST  
23 GOT INTO THIS YESTERDAY. I HAD NO PLANS TO COME IN HERE TO SAY  
24 WHAT I'M SAYING. BUT I'M GOING TO BE BEHIND THE SHAW FAMILY AS  
25 LONG AS I LIVE BECAUSE THIS IS TOTALLY WRONG. I'M TIRED OF



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1 TRAINING PEOPLE TO TAKE OVER MY JOB. I'M TIRED OF EVERYTHING.

2 AND THANK YOU FOR LETTING ME SPEAK.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** KEITH HARDAIN AND DAMON AZALI-ROJAS, PLEASE  
5 COME FORWARD. YES, PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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7 **LAMONT CLARK:** YES. MY NAME IS LAMONT CLARK. I NOTICED  
8 SOMETHING AFTER JAMIEL SHAW'S LIFE WAS TAKEN, I DID SOME  
9 RESEARCH. I NOTICED I HAD THREE FRIENDS THAT WERE KILLED BY  
10 ILLEGALS. AS A MATTER OF FACT, ONE WAS KILLED ON TENTH AND  
11 ADAMS NOT TOO FAR FROM WHERE JAMIEL SHAW LIVED. AND THE PERSON  
12 THAT DID IT WAS 18TH STREET. THEY KILLED A FRIEND OF MINE WHO  
13 WAS MENTALLY SLOW, 19 YEARS OLD AND HE HAD A RED HAT ON. HE  
14 NEVER GANG BANGED IN HIS LIFE. THIS IS REALLY GETTING OUT OF  
15 HAND. I ALSO HAD A FRIEND THAT WAS KILLED BY ILLEGAL MERCHANT.  
16 THEY COULDN'T SUE THE BUSINESS BECAUSE IT WAS AN ILLEGAL  
17 PERSON. THEY HAD TO BURY THE SON WITH NO MONEY. HE WAS ONLY  
18 ABOUT 33. ALSO, WE CAN'T DO WHAT THEY DO TO US HERE IN MEXICO.  
19 COULD YOU IMAGINE 4 MILLION BLACK PEOPLE GOING DOWN THERE  
20 UNDERBIDDING THEM ON THEIR DOLLAR AN HOUR JOBS? CAN YOU  
21 IMAGINE THAT? YOU WOULD SEE 4 MILLION DEAD BLACK PEOPLE IF WE  
22 WENT DOWN THERE DOING THAT. ANOTHER THING TOO I'D LIKE TO  
23 POINT OUT. THEY'RE SCREAMING CIVIL RIGHTS. HOW CAN YOU HAVE  
24 CIVIL RIGHTS WHEN YOU AREN'T EVEN A CIVIL CITIZEN? SECOND OF  
25 US, ALL OF BLACK PEOPLE WHEN WE HAD OUR CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT,



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1 WE DIDN'T GO DOWN TO MEXICO, WE SAT HERE, 12 PERCENT OF THE  
2 POPULATION, AND FOUGHT AGAINST 80 SOMETHING PERCENT OF THE  
3 POPULATION THAT OPPOSED US. HERE THEY ARE 90 PERCENT OF MEXICO  
4 IS POOR BEING RULED BY 10 PERCENT WHO ARE THE ELITE. HOW COME  
5 YOU GUYS CAN'T START YOUR OWN CIVIL RIGHTS MOVEMENT LIKE WE  
6 DID AND YOU HAVE THE NERVE TO COME HERE AND SAY BLACK PEOPLE  
7 ARE LAZY PEOPLE, WE DON'T WANT TO WORK. I GUESS WE CAN'T DO IT  
8 IF WE'RE DOING IT FOR \$4. WHAT ARE WE GOING TO DO IT FOR, 2?  
9 BASICALLY WHAT I'M SAYING IS THIS IS TOTALLY GETTING OUT OF  
10 HAND. IT'S JUST TOTALLY RIDICULOUS. I JUST WANT TO SAY THIS TO  
11 THE LEGALS. LIKE I SAID, THAT WAS A MOTHER WHO SPOKE BEFORE. I  
12 HAVE FOUR NIECES AND NEPHEWS THAT ARE HALF MEXICAN. I'M TIRED  
13 OF SO MANY OF THESE MEXICANS POINTING AT JAMIEL SHAW, CALLING  
14 HIM A GANG BANGER NOT LOOKING AT THE REAL CIRCUMSTANCES. THE  
15 CIRCUMSTANCES IS: HE WAS NOT A GANG MEMBER. HE WAS TRYING TO  
16 MAKE A VICTIM INTO A CRIMINAL. AND I THINK IT'S RACIST FOR ANY  
17 HISPANIC PERSON, BLACK PERSON, NO MATTER WHAT COLOR YOU ARE TO  
18 SIT UP HERE AND TRY TO CHANGE THIS YOUNG MAN'S NAME THAT HAD  
19 BEEN MURDERED. THANK YOU.

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21 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME. AND DID I CALL  
22 BILAL ALI? AND THEN KEVIN JAMES WILL BE THE NEXT PERSON WE  
23 CALL. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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1   **KAREN Klaparda:** MY NAME IS KAREN Klaparda, I RESIDE IN THE SAN  
2   FERNANDO VALLEY. I HAPPENED TO BE OUR NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH  
3   CHAIRPERSON AND I'D LIKE TO TAKE THIS IN A LITTLE BIT  
4   DIFFERENT DIRECTION. I WANT TO POINT OUT HOW ANTIQUATED THIS  
5   POLICY IS. IT WAS IMPLEMENTED BEFORE THESE KILLERS WERE EVEN  
6   BORN. SO IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE. WE'RE HEARING IT ALL THE TIME.  
7   ZEV, I'M THE PERSON THAT GOT ON THE TRAIN WITH YOU AND ASKED  
8   YOU FOR 10 MINUTES OF TIME. I GAVE YOU OUR STICKER AND I WAS  
9   ASKING YOU THEN, AS A JEWISH PERSON, TO LOOK AT 18 AS BEING  
10   HIGH AND CHOOSING LIFE OVER THE 18TH STREET GANG WHO IS DOING  
11   SATAN'S WORK 666, SO THEY TELL US. I THINK IT'S EASY TO  
12   IDENTIFY THE GANG MEMBERS. JUST HAVE THEM LIFT UP THEIR  
13   SHIRTS. THEY SEEM TO VERY WILLINGLY TELL YOU WHAT AFFILIATION  
14   THEY ARE. YOU MIGHT NOT NEED PAPERWORK IF YOU JUST LOOK AT  
15   THEIR BODIES. I THINK THAT THE FACT THAT WE JUST LOOK AT  
16   HISPANIC GANGS IS NOT THE PROBLEM. IN THE VALLEY WE ARE  
17   SUFFERING FROM ARMENIAN GANGS. AND I WANT YOU TO KNOW ONE OF  
18   THE PRIMARY THINGS THAT THEY ARE STEALING ARE THE CALL SHEETS  
19   OUT OF THE POLICE CARS. WHY? BECAUSE IF YOU CALL THEM FOR JUST  
20   LITTLE DRUG ACTIVITY OR SMALL THINGS, THEY'LL COME BACK AND  
21   RAPE AND KILL YOUR FAMILY. NOBODY IS CALLING THE POLICE. THE  
22   STORY THAT THIS WOMAN TOLD IS A FAIRY TALE. ONCE UPON A TIME  
23   ILLEGAL ALIENS WERE NOT CALLING THE POLICE TO PROTECT  
24   THEMSELVES. NOW THEY'RE NOT CALLING THE POLICE OR THE SHERIFF  
25   TO PROTECT THEIR FAMILIES AND THEMSELVES. THESE PEOPLE KNOW



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1 WHERE THEY LIVE. A MAN WHO DOES A LOT OF WORK FOR MY FAMILY,  
2 ILLEGAL ALIEN, HARDEST WORKING MAN, TAKEN OFF THE STREETS,  
3 \$400, TWO DAYS' WAGES TAKEN OUT OF HIS POCKET, LEFT IN HIS  
4 UNDERWEAR IN VERNON. NO CELL PHONE. DO YOU THINK WHEN HE GOT  
5 HOME HE CALLED THE POLICE? NO. BECAUSE HE WANTS HIS CHILDREN  
6 ALIVE, HIS WIFE ALIVE. HE'D LIKE TO BE ALIVE. SO THIS IS WHAT  
7 HAPPENS. THEY DON'T GET TO CALL THE POLICE UNDER THIS RACIST  
8 POLICY. WE NEED TO DIVIDE PEOPLE BY THE CONTENT OF THEIR  
9 CHARACTER. THESE RACIST GANG BANGERS, THEY ARE PROTECTED UNDER  
10 THIS RACIST POLICY THAT LABELS ALL THESE PEOPLE TOGETHER. YOU  
11 NEED TO DIVIDE PEOPLE BY THE CONTENT OF THEIR CHARACTER AND  
12 THEIR ACTIONS. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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16 **KEITH HARDAIN:** MY NAME, IS IT MY TURN?

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18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WERE YOU UP HERE FIRST?

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20 **KEITH HARDAIN:** I'M KEITH HARDAIN. I'M A SELF-DEFENSE  
21 CONSULTANT. AND I WANT TO SORT OF ADD ANOTHER DYNAMIC TO THIS  
22 ENTIRE ARGUMENT, ONE THAT I HAVEN'T HEARD FOR YEARS, AFTER 52  
23 YEARS OF LIVING IN LOS ANGELES. AND THAT IS THE PREMISE THAT  
24 GUNS IN THE HANDS OF RESPONSIBLY TRAINED CITIZENS IS  
25 CONSIDERED A BAD RISK TO PUBLIC SAFETY. I SAY THAT BECAUSE OF



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1 THE FACT THAT I SUPPORT NOT ONLY JAMIEL'S LAW AND THE  
2 ABROGATION OF A SPECIAL ORDER 40, BUT ALSO THE SECOND  
3 AMENDMENT. IT IS THERE FOR A PURPOSE. AND IN CALIFORNIA, I  
4 KNOW IT'S A VERY DIFFICULT PILL TO SWALLOW FOR MANY OF THE  
5 LEGISLATORS OF OUR STATE. BUT IT'S OBVIOUS THAT BY A LAW OF  
6 NATURE, OBJECTS THAT ARE SET IN MOTION WILL CONTINUE IN THAT  
7 MOTION UNTIL MET WITH ANOTHER FORCE THAT SENDS IT IN A  
8 DIFFERENT DIRECTION. IF GUNS WERE THAT BAD, THEN WE MUST  
9 DISARM THE POLICE, AS WELL, BECAUSE GUNS ARE TOO MUCH FORCE  
10 FOR ANYBODY TO USE IF LAW-ABIDING CITIZENS CAN'T USE THEM,  
11 EITHER. THAT'S WHY I BELIEVE THAT THE VIOLENT ACTIONS OF  
12 CRIMINALS, WHETHER HERE LEGALLY OR ILLEGALLY, GANG MEMBERS OR  
13 NOT, AGAINST INNOCENT CITIZENS, SPEAKS CLEARLY THAT THE  
14 SHERIFF AND THE CHIEF OF POLICE WHO POSSESS THAT POWER MUST,  
15 THROUGH A MORAL OBLIGATION AND CIVIC OBLIGATION, ARM LAW-  
16 ABIDING CITIZENS AND ALLOW THOSE CITIZENS WHO ARE TRAINED AND  
17 ESPECIALLY GOOD CITIZENS TO BE ABLE TO ARM THEMSELVES ONLY OUT  
18 OF A REASONABLE BELIEF THAT HE OR SHE IS IN GRAVE DANGER OF  
19 BEING INJURED OR MURDERED. AND THAT IS A PART OF OUR PENAL  
20 CODE OF CALIFORNIA THAT PROVIDES THAT. THAT'S 12025.5. AND  
21 THAT'S BASICALLY WHAT I CAME TO SAY. SO THAT'S SOMETHING THAT  
22 I THINK NEEDS TO BE ADDED TO THIS DYNAMIC, WHICH YOU PROBABLY  
23 WON'T HEAR FROM TOO MANY PEOPLE. BUT I AM GOING TO ADD THAT TO  
24 THIS LEDGER. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** OKAY. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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3    **DAMON AZALI:** DAMON AZALI. I WASN'T ACTUALLY GOING TO SPEAK  
4    TODAY. WELL FIRST LET ME START OFF LIKE THIS.. I JUST WANT TO  
5    SAY TO THE FAMILY OF JAMIEL SHAW AND ALL OF THE SUPPORTERS,  
6    THIS IS A HEARTBREAKING SITUATION. YOU CAN'T BRING HIM BACK. I  
7    THINK THAT'S THE MAIN THING. NO MATTER HOW MANY PEOPLE YOU  
8    LOCK UNDER A JAIL, YOU CAN'T BRING HIM BACK. AND I WANT TO  
9    JUST TALK ABOUT WHY I WANTED TO SPEAK IS BECAUSE A LOT OF THE  
10   PEOPLE WHO CAME UP HERE FROM THE MINUTEMEN, A LOT OF OTHER  
11   FOLKS WHO ARE SPEAKING TODAY, THEY HAVE THE SAME POLITICS AS  
12   THE KU KLUX KLAN. IT IS. AND WE REALLY NEED TO UNDERSTAND, AS  
13   BLACK PEOPLE. I'M SPEAKING TO BLACK PEOPLE NOW, SO IF YOU'RE  
14   NOT BLACK, YOU DON'T HAVE TO LISTEN, BUT I THINK AS BLACK  
15   PEOPLE, WE REALLY NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT WE WERE TARGETED IN  
16   THIS COUNTRY. WE WERE STOLEN FROM OUR LAND. AND THEN WE HAVE  
17   TO REALLY UNDERSTAND WHO WE ARE ALIGNING OURSELVES WITH.  
18   BECAUSE THINGS LIKE THIS IS GOING TO ALSO LOCK UP BLACK  
19   PEOPLE. SO IF YOU'RE ONLY CONCERNED ABOUT BLACK PEOPLE, YOU  
20   NEED TO UNDERSTAND THAT, TOO. IN TERMS OF THE ACTUAL PRISON  
21   INCARCERATION, MASS INCARCERATION IS A MAJOR PROBLEM HERE. IN  
22   1980, CALIFORNIA HAD 24,000 PEOPLE IN PRISON. NOW WE HAVE  
23   174,000 PEOPLE. THAT'S OVER A 700 PERCENT INCREASE AND IT'S  
24   BECAUSE OF LAWS LIKE THIS THAT TARGET BLACK AND BROWN PEOPLE  
25   AND PUT THEM IN JAIL. SO WHEN WE TALK ABOUT ALL THE THINGS





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1 THAT ARE TRYING TO-- SUPPOSEDLY WOULD HELP IN TERMS OF  
2 IMMIGRATION AND WHATNOT, WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT AS JAMIEL  
3 SHAW POSTHUMOUSLY HAVE BEEN SCRUTINIZED FOR GANG MEMBERSHIP,  
4 WE HAVE TO UNDERSTAND THAT THIS IS THE OPENING OF A GATEWAY TO  
5 CONTINUE TO DO THAT, TO CONTINUE TO DO THAT TO NOT ONLY HIM  
6 BUT HIS FRIENDS AND HIS FAMILY. AND I WOULD HAVE TO SAY  
7 SPEAKING TO BLACK PEOPLE, YOU CANNOT SUPPORT THIS,  
8 PARTICULARLY BASED ON THE HISTORY OF OUR PEOPLE IN THIS  
9 COUNTRY.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

12

13 **BILAL ALI:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS. MY NAME IS  
14 BILAL ALI, I'M A LEAD ORGANIZER WITH THE COALITION OF L.A. BUT  
15 I'M SPEAKING HERE ON BEHALF OF MYSELF. I'M WORKING WITH BROWN  
16 AND BLACK COMMUNITIES FIGHTING THE COMMON AGENDAS. I'D JUST  
17 LIKE TO SAY THAT THE SHERIFF'S MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
18 SETS FORTH A PRECEDENT THAT SERVES TO PERPETUATE A RACIST MIND  
19 SET. IT VALIDATES, IT JUSTIFIES THE TARGETING OF CERTAIN  
20 GROUPS AND BLAMES SOCIETAL ILLS THAT ARE A RESULT OF NARROW  
21 MINDEDNESS AND FLAWED PUBLIC POLICIES ON PEOPLE DEEMED  
22 UNDESIRABLE. IT CREATES AND PROJECTS THE PRESUMPTION THAT  
23 PEOPLE OF COLOR IN GENERAL AND LATINOS IN PARTICULAR ARE  
24 EQUATED TO CRIMINALITY. HISTORICALLY THESE ATTEMPTS TO  
25 DEMONIZE CERTAIN GROUPS HARKENS BACK TO THE DAYS OF THE BLACK



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1 CULTS OR JIM CROW LAWS USED BY SOUTHERN RACISTS TO MAINTAIN A  
2 RACIST STATUS QUO FOR BLACKS. THIS MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
3 IS RACIST IN NATURE, IN THAT IT REINFORCES NEGATIVE BELIEF  
4 SYSTEMS. FOR EXAMPLE, MANY PEOPLE WHEN THEY THINK OF ILLEGAL  
5 ALIENS, BROWN PEOPLE COME TO MIND. I PERSONALLY KNOW EUROPEANS  
6 WHO ARE HERE ILLEGALLY. I ALSO KNOW OF CARIBBEANS HERE HERE  
7 ILLEGALLY, ASIANS WHO ARE HERE ILLEGALLY. BUT YOU DON'T SEE  
8 THEM TALKED ABOUT ON TELEVISION. SUCH PROPOSALS THAT JAMIEL  
9 LAWS MAKES ALL OF US VICTIMS OF DRACONIAN MEASURES THAT  
10 UNDERMINE THE CONSTITUTIONAL HUMAN RIGHTS GUARANTEED OF A FREE  
11 NATION. WHAT THIS M.O.U. AND JAMIEL LAW REALLY REPRESENTS IS  
12 THE LEGAL FORMALIZATION OF HATE CRIMES, SANCTIONED BY LOCAL  
13 GOVERNMENT BASED IN FEAR, MISUNDERSTANDING, SCAPEGOATING,  
14 RESULTING IN THE LACK OF JUSTICE AND EQUALITY, A CREED IN  
15 WHICH THIS COUNTRY HAS CONSISTENTLY FAILED TO LIVE UP TO. THE  
16 TRAGIC THING ABOUT WHICH-- JAMIEL'S DEATH IS VERY TRAGIC, BUT  
17 MORE TRAGIC THAN THAT IS YOU HAVE POOR MISGUIDED PEOPLE WHO  
18 ARE SIDING UP WITH CLOSET KLAN MEMBERS TO COME OUT TO PASS  
19 LAWS THAT WILL NOT ONLY AFFECT LATINO PEOPLES BUT ANYBODY OF  
20 COLOR IN THIS COUNTRY. IT IS TIME TO TURN THE TIDE. A  
21 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING OF JAMIEL'S LAW WILL NOT CAUSE  
22 THIS TO HAPPEN. SHERIFF BACA SAYS THEY ASK PEOPLE WHERE THEY  
23 ARE BORN.

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25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.



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2 **BILAL ALI:** THANK YOU.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

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6 **KEVIN JAMES:** KEVIN JAMES. PROBABLY ONE OF THE MORE MEMORABLE  
7 HEARINGS THAT THIS BODY HAS HAD AS OF LATE, I WOULD EXPECT. I  
8 WASN'T GOING TO SPEAK TODAY. I COME TO THESE EVENTS  
9 OCCASIONALLY AND HOLD BACK AND WAIT AND SEE IF THERE'S  
10 SOMETHING THAT MOVES ME TO MAKE MY WAY UP TO THE PODIUM. I GET  
11 A COUPLE OF HOURS EVERY NIGHT TO TALK TO THE PEOPLE OF LOS  
12 ANGELES AND I APPRECIATE THAT PRIVILEGE. SOMETHING DID MOVE ME  
13 UP HERE. A COUPLE OF THINGS. WELL THREE THINGS, ACTUALLY, AS I  
14 THINK ABOUT IT. FIRST OF ALL, A NUMBER OF LEGAL GROUPS CAME UP  
15 HERE BEFORE YOU TODAY AND WERE REPRESENTED AND SEEMED TO BE  
16 AGAINST THE EXPANSION OF 287-G. I'M NOT WITH A LEGAL GROUP. I  
17 USED TO BE. I WAS A FORMER FEDERAL PROSECUTOR IN LOS ANGELES.  
18 SO I WAS REPRESENTING THE LEGAL GROUP CALLED THE UNITED STATES  
19 OF AMERICA. AND I DID SO AND WAS PROUD TO DO SO. THAT WAS THE  
20 FIRST THING THAT MOVED ME UP TO COME UP HERE. THE SECOND THING  
21 IS, THERE SEEMS TO BE SOME CONFUSION THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE  
22 ROOM REGARDING WHAT ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS. IT IS VERY SIMPLE.  
23 ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS NOT A RACE. ILLEGAL IMMIGRATION IS A  
24 LEGAL STATUS. ALL RACES ARE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. ALL RACES. ALL  
25 NATIONALITIES ARE ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. TOGETHER. THEY JUST



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1 HAPPEN TO BE ILLEGAL. THE THIRD AND THE MOST IMPORTANT POINT  
2 THAT BROUGHT ME UP HERE REGARDING THIS BODY TODAY IS THAT I  
3 WAS SHOCKED TO HEAR FROM THE CENTER CHAIR ON THIS PODIUM,  
4 YVONNE BURKE, WHO I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR-- I UNDERSTAND YOU  
5 HELPED THEM ORGANIZE THIS TODAY. AND FOR YOU TO SAY THAT TODAY  
6 IT'S LATINOS AND TOMORROW ANOTHER GROUP? YOU ARE RACE BAITING  
7 HERE. THAT'S THE WRONG THING TO DO.

8

9 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOUR TIME IS EXPIRED. AND SINCE YOU KNOW  
10 YOU MENTIONED MY NAME, I WANT TO REALLY CLARIFY THIS. YOU  
11 KNOW, I HAVE A GREAT-- YOU MAY LEAVE THE PODIUM.

12

13 **KEVIN JAMES:** THANK YOU FOR THE TIME.

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15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOU KNOW, I HAVE A REAL CONCERN.  
16 AND I ADMIRE THE SHAWS. AND I UNDERSTAND THEIR POSITION. I  
17 ABSOLUTELY UNDERSTAND IT. AND AS LONG AS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT  
18 GANG MEMBERS, I'M WITH YOU. AS LONG AS YOU'RE TALKING ABOUT  
19 PEOPLE WHO COMMIT SERIOUS CRIMES WHO ARE UNDOCUMENTED, I'M  
20 WITH YOU. BUT WHEN YOU GOT OVER AND LEFT GANG MEMBERS AND GOT  
21 OVER TO TALK ABOUT PEOPLE OF SOME ETHNICITY, THAT'S WHERE YOU  
22 LOSE ME. AND I WANT TO BE CLEAR. I CAN-- I SUPPORT THE IDEA  
23 THAT IF A PERSON COMMITS A CRIME, THEY SHOULD BE PUNISHED. AND  
24 IF THE PERSON WHO COMMITS A SERIOUS CRIME IS UNDOCUMENTED,  
25 THEY SHOULD BE PUNISHED AND THEY SHOULD THEN BE DEPORTED TO



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1 THEIR COUNTRY. BUT WHEN YOU GET OVER AND YOU START TALKING  
2 ABOUT ALL PEOPLE OF ANY ETHNICITY, YOU'VE GOT A PROBLEM WITH  
3 ME. BECAUSE I WANT TO TELL YOU, I'M FAMILIAR WITH YOUR  
4 ORGANIZATION, MR. MINUTEMEN. I HAVE FOLLOWED YOU. AND I KNOW  
5 IT'S JUST TODAY, AND YOU WERE THE ONES WHO WENT OVER IT. YOU  
6 GOT OFF THE GANGS. YOU WEREN'T TALKING ABOUT THE GANGS. YOU  
7 WERE GOING TO SAY ALL THE LATINOS, 3 MILLION OR WHATEVER  
8 NUMBER IT IS, BACK TO MEXICO. AND I KNOW IT'S NOT THAT LONG  
9 AGO, MR. MINUTEMEN, WHAT YOU WERE TALKING ABOUT AS FAR AS  
10 AFRICAN-AMERICANS. SO YOU CAN TAKE OFFENSE IF YOU WANT TO, BUT  
11 I WANT TO EXPLAIN TO YOU, SEPARATE THE ISSUE OF GANGS,  
12 SEPARATE THE ISSUE OF CRIMINALS WHO COMMIT SERIOUS CRIMES FROM  
13 ETHNIC BAITING. THAT'S MY ONLY CONCERN. MR. ANTONOVICH, I'LL  
14 RECOGNIZE YOU. ALL RIGHT. YOU'RE MOVING THE MOTION. IS THERE A  
15 SECOND? SECONDED. ARE THERE ANY OTHER COMMENTS? DO YOU WANT TO  
16 CALL THE ROLL? I DON'T KNOW. IS THERE ANY OBJECTION? ANY  
17 OBJECTION? WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED. THE NEXT ITEM,  
18 SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** 64-A.

21

22 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THIS IS THE MOTION TO OPPOSE PROPOSITION ON  
23 THE BALLOT IN NOVEMBER WHICH WOULD INCREASE THE SALES TAX BY  
24 1/2 CENT AS RECOMMENDED BY THE METROPOLITAN TRANSIT AUTHORITY.  
25 THE REASON FOR THE OPPOSITION IS THAT THE MONEY DOES NOT



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1   EQUITABLY GO TO ALL OF THE AREAS WHERE WE HAVE CONGESTED  
2   NEEDS, TRANSPORTATION NEEDS, TRANSIT NEEDS. AND WE NEED TO GO  
3   BACK TO THE DRAWING BOARD AND DEVELOP A PROGRAM FROM THE  
4   BOTTOM UP FROM ALL OF OUR COMMUNITIES WITH A PROPOSAL THAT I  
5   WILL SUPPORT AND OTHERS WILL SUPPORT THAT COULD BE PASSED AND  
6   ENACTED AND ALLEVIATE THE CONGESTION THAT WE HAVE. THAT'S THE  
7   MOTION, MADAME CHAIR.

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9   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE A SECOND?

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11   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** GLORIA IS THE CO-AUTHOR.

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13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU WILL SECOND THE MOTION? ALL RIGHT. WE  
14   CALL THE ROLL ON THAT. YOU'RE CALLING JUST 64-A, RIGHT?

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16   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THERE ARE MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC THAT WOULD  
17   LIKE TO SPEAK ON THIS ITEM.

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19   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YES. I'D LIKE TO CALL UP ARNOLD SACHS,  
20   KEVIN NORTON AND RICHARD GREENHAGEN. I'M GOING TO HAVE TO ASK  
21   THE PEOPLE-- WE'RE GOING TO HAVE TO GO ON WITH THE AGENDA. WE  
22   HAVE TO ASK EVERYONE TO BE PLEASE BE QUIET. YES, PLEASE STATE  
23   YOUR NAME.

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1   **KEVIN NORTON:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR. MY NAME'S KEVIN  
2   NORTON. I REPRESENT I.B.E.W. LOCAL 11 AND OUR 8,000 OUR  
3   MEMBERS. WE STRONGLY OPPOSE THE AGENDA ITEM. IT'S OUR OPINION  
4   THAT WITH THE FISCAL CONDITION OF THE FEDERAL, STATE AND LOCAL  
5   GOVERNMENTS, THERE AREN'T GOING TO BE ANY MONEY-- THERE WON'T  
6   BE MONIES TO DEAL WITH THE CRUMBLING, INADEQUATE  
7   TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE. WE KNOW THAT MONEY IS TIGHT AND  
8   OUR MEMBERSHIP IS STRUGGLING THROUGH A TOUGH ECONOMY, AND A  
9   DRASTIC DOWNTURN IN CONSTRUCTION. HOWEVER, OUR MEMBERS LIVE IN  
10  ALL PARTS OF THE COUNTY AND FIND THEMSELVES IN GRIDLOCK  
11  WASTING HUNDREDS OF DOLLARS IN GAS MONEY EVERY YEAR WHILE  
12  IDLING IN TRAFFIC. THEY UNDERSTAND THAT THEY ARE ALREADY  
13  TAXED. THEY'RE TAXED MENTALLY, PHYSICALLY AND FINANCIALLY  
14  SITTING ON FREEWAYS IN GRIDLOCK. WE NEED COURAGE, FORETHOUGHT  
15  AND LEADERSHIP ON THIS ISSUE. AND IN SUMMARY, I IMPLORE YOU TO  
16  VOTE AGAINST THIS MOTION. AND I'D LIKE TO EXPRESS DEEP  
17  DISAPPOINTMENT IN THE MAKERS OF THE MOTION. THANK YOU VERY  
18  MUCH.

19

20   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

21

22   **RICHARD GREENHAGEN:** MY NAME IS RICHARD GREENHAGEN. MADAME  
23   CHAIR AND BOARD, I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE ABLE TO  
24   SPEAK WITH YOU TODAY. I REPRESENT IRONWORKERS IN THE LOS  
25   ANGELES AREA, 10,000 PLUS STRONG AND THEIR FAMILIES. WE OPPOSE





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1 THIS RECOMMENDATION. WITH THE STATE OF THE ECONOMY, WE NEED  
2 THIS 1/2 CENT SALES TAX. WE NEED IT TO PROVIDE NEEDED JOBS. WE  
3 NEED IT TO LESSEN THE WORSENING TRANSPORTATION CRISIS THAT WE  
4 HAVE. WE NEED IT FOR THE MASS TRANSIT AND FOR THE SUBWAY  
5 PROJECTS SO THAT THE WORKING PEOPLE CAN GET TO WORK WITH GAS  
6 PRICES THE WAY THEY ARE. WE HAVE LESS AND LESS MONEY TO FEED  
7 OUR FAMILIES. BUT WE NEED THIS MONEY. WE NEED THIS SALES TAX  
8 FOR THE MASS TRANSIT PROJECTS. WE NEED THE FREEWAY PROJECTS.  
9 YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO VERY FAR TO SEE THE GRIDLOCK THAT WE  
10 HAVE. AND THIS SALES TAX AND THE PROJECTS THAT IT WILL BRING  
11 WILL HELP LESSEN THAT GRIDLOCK. WE JUST URGE YOU TO VOTE  
12 AGAINST THIS. AND I THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND CONSIDERATION.

13

14 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU, GOOD AFTERNOON. ARNOLD SACHS. THIS IS  
15 A REAL TOUGH PANCAKE TO FLIP BECAUSE WITHOUT THIS SALES TAX,  
16 THE PUBLIC GETS HAMMERED. WITH THE SALES TAX, THE PUBLIC GETS  
17 HAMMERED. WHAT WE REALLY NEED IS SOME LEADERSHIP HERE. WE NEED  
18 TO GET A LIST OF PROJECTS. WE HAVE COMPLAINTS ABOUT HOW THIS  
19 LIST WAS PUT TOGETHER IN BACK ROOM DEALS. WE HAVE, IT WAS A  
20 RUSH DEAL. THE RED LINE WAS PROPOSED WHEN TOM BRADLEY WAS  
21 MAYOR BACK IN THE MID '70S. IF ANYTHING IS EVER BUILT OR  
22 COMPLETED, IT WILL BE 50 YEARS BEFORE IT GETS TO THE SEA. THE  
23 OTHER RAIL PROJECTS AND METRO PROJECTS HAVE NO END IN SIGHT.  
24 THE REAL PROBLEM WITH THIS SALES TAX IS IT ELIMINATES A DATE  
25 OF COMPLETION FOR PROJECTS, WHICH IS PAR FOR THE COURSE FOR



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1 METRO. WHAT IT IS, IS A PONZI SCHEME. AND YOU KEEP CREATING  
2 THESE PROJECTS AND KEEP GETTING MORE FUNDING AND NOBODY KNOWS  
3 WHERE THE FUNDING WENT. WE HEAR ABOUT PORK BARREL LEGISLATION.  
4 PORK BARREL LEGISLATION IS WHEN THE STATE LEGISLATION CREATES  
5 A CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY WITH FIVE MEMBERS AND METRO CREATES A  
6 LEGISLATION WITH A CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY WITH SEVEN MEMBERS  
7 THAT COVERS THE SAME DISTANCE. PORK BARREL LEGISLATION IS WHEN  
8 THE EXPO LINE IS FUNDED-- IS GIVEN FUNDING AND THEN IT'S  
9 TURNED INTO THE MID-CITY EXPO LINE. AND THAT'S GIVEN FUNDING.  
10 WHICH ONE IS IT? THAT'S PORK BARREL LEGISLATION. BEHIND THE  
11 DOORS AND OUT OF THE LOOP, WHAT THAT MEANS, TIME FOR YOU TO  
12 STEP DOWN FROM YOUR POSITIONS. IF YOU'RE NOT INVOLVED IN A \$40  
13 BILLION PROJECT HERE, THERE'S A LOT OF OTHER PROBLEMS THAT THE  
14 PUBLIC FACES. SUPPORT THE SALES TAX? IT'S A NO-WIN SITUATION.  
15 THERE WAS AN ARTICLE IN THE NEWSPAPER TODAY REGARDING THE  
16 SEPULVEDA PASS, THAT IF THE SALES TAX GOES THROUGH, THE  
17 PROJECT WILL BE COMPLETED IN 30 YEARS, 2038. WHICH IS 30 YEARS  
18 OF A SALES TAX. HERE'S AN IDEA. WHEN YOU WANT TO MAKE COMEDY  
19 LIKE THAT, CHARGE A TWO-DRINK MINIMUM AND YOU CAN GET SOME  
20 EXTRA FUNDING THAT WAY. BUT FOR YOU TO DENY THE PEOPLE THE  
21 OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE ON THIS, YOU NEED TO PUT THE SALES TAX ON  
22 THE AGENDA. PEOPLE WILL FIGURE IT OUT.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. YOUR TIME HAS EXPIRED.

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1   **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR  
2   ATTENTION.

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4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

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6   **SUP. KNABE:** MADAME CHAIR, WE CAN GO AHEAD AND CALL FOR THE  
7   QUESTION, BUT THE COMMENT BEING I THINK WE, ALL OF US, EVEN  
8   THOSE OF US THAT ARE SUPPORTING THIS PARTICULAR MOTION, AGREE  
9   WITH ALL THE FIRST COUPLE OF SPEAKERS PARTICULARLY THAT THERE  
10  IS GRIDLOCK. THE POINT IS THAT THERE'S GRIDLOCK THROUGHOUT ALL  
11  OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THAT'S THE ISSUE THAT WE NEED TO DEAL  
12  WITH SO WE CAN PUT IT IN THE RIGHT PERSPECTIVE SO WE CAN  
13  SUPPORT IT. IF YOU DON'T THINK THINGS HAPPEN, THE CLASSIC CASE  
14  THAT I USE BECAUSE THE RED LINE WAS MENTIONED, WAS HERE WE ARE  
15  WITH A GREEN LINE THAT IS EXTREMELY SUCCESSFUL, BUT IT DOESN'T  
16  GO INTO THE AIRPORT. WELL, WHAT TRANSPIRED IN THAT DEAL WAS  
17  THE LAST LEG OF THE GREEN LINE WAS CREATED FOR THE FIRST LINE  
18  OF THE RED LINE, FOR THE TUNNEL. THAT'S WHERE WE SIT TODAY.  
19  AND NOW WE'RE TRYING TO FIND A WAY. SUPERVISOR BURKE AND I GET  
20  HAMMERED ALL THE TIME ABOUT PUTTING THE GREEN LINE ALL THE WAY  
21  INTO THE AIRPORT.

22

23   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** RIGHT.

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1   **SUP. KNABE:** WE HAD A PLAN. AND EVEN THEN THINGS CAN HAPPEN. SO  
2   CALL FOR THE QUESTION.

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4   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** CALL THE ROLL.

5

6   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA? SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY?  
7   SUPERVISOR KNABE?

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9   **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

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11   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

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13   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** AYE.

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15   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

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17   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** NO. THE MEASURE IS APPROVED.

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19   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 64-D.

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21   **SUP. KNABE:** I ASKED THAT THE REGISTRAR RECORDER BE HERE IN  
22   CASE THERE'S ANY QUESTIONS, BUT I THINK THE MAIN ISSUE IS--  
23   AND IT'S BEEN FULL THE MEDIA FOR THE LAST SEVERAL DAYS WAS THE  
24   FACT THAT IN HIS REPORT, AND SHOULD YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL  
25   QUESTIONS FOR HIM, IT WAS AN ADDITIONAL \$10.5 MILLION FOR THE



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1 TAXPAYERS OF THIS COUNTY TO BE CHARGED TO TAKE PART IN AN  
2 ELECTION THAT'S GOING TO HAPPEN ANYWAY. AND ALSO WITH THE  
3 IMPORTANT PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION, I'M NOT WANTING TO JEOPARDIZE  
4 THAT. SO MY MOTION BASICALLY SAYS THAT WE CONSOLIDATE THE  
5 ELECTION WITH OUR STATEWIDE GENERAL ELECTION TO BE HELD  
6 NOVEMBER 4TH, 2008.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. A NUMBER OF PEOPLE HAVE ASKED TO  
9 SPEAK. RICHARD GREENHAGEN, KEVIN NORTON, I THINK IT IS. MANUAL  
10 CRIOLLO, MALCOLM KLUGMAN. AND THEN ARNOLD SACHS. ARNOLD SACHS,  
11 YOU MAY WANT TO START TOWARDS THE FRONT.

12

13 **SPEAKER:** GOOD MORNING, MADAME CHAIR AND ESTEEMED BOARD  
14 MEMBERS. I CONCUR WITH MR. KNABE'S MOTION AND I THINK IT WOULD  
15 SAVE THE TAXPAYERS AN INCREDIBLE AMOUNT OF MONEY. THANK YOU.

16

17 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

18

19 **RICHARD GREENHAGEN:** GOOD MORNING. MY NAME IS RICHARD  
20 GREENHAGEN. THANK YOU AGAIN FOR THE OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK  
21 BEFORE YOU. I'D LIKE TO SPEAK IN SUPPORT OF THIS  
22 RECOMMENDATION. I THINK THAT IT'S WASTEFUL TO TRY AND DIVIDE  
23 THE ISSUE. AND I APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY THAT YOU'RE  
24 PUTTING FORWARD THERE, THAT WE CAN SAVE SOME MONEY HERE. AND I  
25 SUPPORT THIS RESOLUTION. THANK YOU.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE?

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4 **MANUEL CRIOLLO:** MANUEL CRIOLLO, I'M ORGANIZER WITH THE BUS  
5 RIDERS' UNION. WE URGE YOU TO REJECT THIS MOTION. IT'S ONLY  
6 THE ETHICAL AND LEGAL APPROPRIATE ACTION TO SUPPORT THIS  
7 PROPOSED SALES TAX IN REALITY WILL ONLY WIDEN THE GAP THAT WE  
8 SEE IN THIS COUNTY. AND WE HOPE WE CAN KEEP-- THAT YOU WOULD  
9 KEEP THE LINE OF NOT PUTTING IT IN THE SAME BALLOT. SUPERVISOR  
10 KNABE, YOU WORRY ABOUT THE FINANCIAL COSTS OF THE M.T.A. AND  
11 THE COUNTY, BUT LET'S UNDERSTAND THAT WHEN M.T.A. PROMISED \$80  
12 BILLION IN PROJECTS TO BE BUILT BUT ONLY COLLECTS \$40 BILLION,  
13 IT WOULD ONLY TAKE US BACK TO THE DAYS WHEN WE WERE BACK IN  
14 THE EARLY 1990S WHERE MONEY IS GOING TO BE SPENT AND YOU WILL  
15 GO BANKRUPT OR CREATE MORE CIVIL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS FOR THE BUS  
16 RIDERS AND THE PUBLIC THAT USE IT. SO WE URGE YOU TO REALLY  
17 REJECT AND RETHINK ABOUT THIS POLICY. SO YOU HAVE A CHOICE: TO  
18 BREAK FROM PORK BARREL AND RACIALLY DISCRIMINATORY POLITICS,  
19 BUT ALSO TO BE CLEAR THAT WE ARE NOT AFRAID FOR YOU TO PUT  
20 THIS THING ON THE BALLOT. WE WILL DEFEAT IT. AND WE HOPE TO  
21 WORK WITH THOSE WHO OPPOSE IT TO WORK WITH US TO OPPOSE IT  
22 ALSO.

23

24 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. MR. KLUGMAN?

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1 **MALCOLM KLUGMAN:** WELL, I WOULD JUST SAY THAT IF YOU PUT IT ON  
2 THE BALLOT AND LET THE PEOPLE DECIDE THIS, OTHERWISE IT'S KIND  
3 OF LIKE IRAQ WHERE YOU GOT THE KURDS AND THE SHIITES AND THE  
4 SUNNIS AND THEY CAN'T AGREE IN ORDER TO DO POLITICAL BUSINESS  
5 IN IRAQ. SO WHAT WE WANT TO DO IS MAKE SURE PEOPLE HAVE THE  
6 RIGHT TO VOTE OUT THERE AND NOT YOU PRECLUDING THEM FROM DOING  
7 THAT AND MAKING THEM SPEND ANOTHER \$10 MILLION SO THAT THEY  
8 GET THAT CHOICE. SO I WOULD AGREE WITH WHAT YOU NEED TO DO. I  
9 WOULD ALSO PLEASE, THIS PAROCHIAL NONSENSE HAS GOT TO STOP.  
10 IT'S NOT ABOUT YOUR LAND AND YOUR TERRITORY. IT'S ABOUT THE  
11 NEEDS FOR TRANSPORTATION. I COULD COME HERE AND REPRESENT  
12 CATALINA ISLAND AND SAY "I'M NOT GOING TO SUPPORT THE RED LINE  
13 TO THE SEA UNLESS IT ALSO TUNNELS OVER AND GOES TO CATALINA  
14 ISLAND. THAT'S PART OF THE COUNTY." WE GOT TO COVER EVERYBODY.

15

16 **SUP. KNABE:** DO YOU KNOW WHAT? CATALINA IS IN MY AREA, THAT'S A  
17 GREAT IDEA.

18

19 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND FREE TRANSPORTATION FOR ALL OF US  
20 VISITORS.

21

22 **MALCOLM KLUGMAN:** ZEV, YOU RODE ON THIS 720, RIGHT? THE 720,  
23 YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO SIX FLAGS MAGIC MOUNTAIN. YOU CAN RIDE  
24 THE 720 BUS AND GET THE SAME THRILL RIDE EVERY TIME. IT'S  
25 INSANE. IT'S PACKED WITH PEOPLE. I WILL TELL YOU THAT THE





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1 POPULATION BETWEEN SUNSET AND PICO, AND RAMPART AND WESTERN,  
2 IS AS BIG AS THE ENTIRE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY. AND THE IDEA  
3 THAT YOU NEED TO HAVE SERVICE FOR SANTA CLARITA WHEN IN FACT  
4 THE POPULATION IS THERE EVERY-- STAND ON THE CORNER OF  
5 WILSHIRE AND VERMONT AND SEE EVERY TIME THERE WILL BE AT LEAST  
6 50 PEOPLE GETTING ONTO A BUS. THE BUS WILL HAVE AT LEAST 100  
7 PEOPLE ON IT UNTIL IT GETS TO WEST WOOD AND WILSHIRE. AND ANY  
8 TOURIST WHO COMES HERE WILL STAND AT THE CORNER OF WILSHIRE  
9 AND WESTWOOD AND SAY, "WHERE'S THE SUBWAY?" FROM ANY BIG CITY  
10 IN THE WORLD OR THIS COUNTRY, WE EXPECT IT TO BE THERE. SO  
11 DON'T DO IT BY MY TERRITORY. I GOT TO HAVE THE GREEN LINE AND  
12 THE EXPO LINE. DO IT BY WHERE THE NEEDS ARE. WHERE ALL THE  
13 PEOPLE ARE GOING USING PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION. HAVE SOME SENSE,  
14 PLEASE.

15

16 **ARNOLD SACHS:** YES, THANK YOU. ARNOLD SACHS. IN ADDITION TO  
17 THIS MEASURE BEING ONTO YOUR AGENDA TODAY, THERE ARE ALSO TEN  
18 OTHER MEASURES CALLING FOR THE COUNTY TO ADD THEM TO THE  
19 REGISTERS FOR THE VOTING. AND WHAT IT COMES DOWN TO IS, YOUR  
20 AUTHORIZATION TO PUT THOSE MEASURES ON. SO IF YOU SAID, "I  
21 DON'T LIKE PASADENA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT. WE'RE GOING TO  
22 VOTE AGAINST THEM," YOU WOULD AFFORD THEM TO HAVE TO GO AHEAD  
23 AND PUT ON A SECONDARY BALLOT, THIS BOND ISSUE FOR PASADENA  
24 UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT? THE FACT THAT YOU MAY NOT LIKE WHAT  
25 THIS LEGISLATION ENTAILS, OPEN YOUR MOUTH. SPEAK UP. IT'S ONLY



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1 BEEN AROUND FOR 2002 WHEN THE STATE LEGISLATION PASSED THE  
2 BILL FOR 6-1/2 YEAR SALES TAX INCREASE. THIS IS JUST AN  
3 EXTENSION, MORE PROJECTS. BUT FOR YOU TO DENY PUTTING THIS ON  
4 THE BALLOT AND SAY M.T.A. SHOULD PAY? YOU SHOULD BE PAYING OUT  
5 OF YOUR POCKET WHATEVER COSTS THE M.T.A. HAD TO GO OUT AND GET  
6 A PRIVATE ATTORNEY, BECAUSE IT WAS A CONFLICT. IT SHOULD BE  
7 COMING OUT OF YOUR POCKET UNTIL THIS GOES ON THE BALLOT. LET  
8 THE PUBLIC DECIDE. IT'S THEIR-- GIVE THEM THE OPPORTUNITY. BUT  
9 DON'T SAY, "WE WERE UNAWARE OF WHAT'S GOING ON. IT WAS A BACK  
10 ROOM DEAL. THIS IS JUST PULLED TOGETHER SO QUICKLY." THIS IS A  
11 20-YEAR PLAN, 2001. A 28-YEAR PLAN IN 2008, A 28-YEAR PLAN  
12 FROM 1980. THERE'S PLANS, PLANS, PLANS. THERE'S 40 STUDIES FOR  
13 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD FROM 1930 TO 1950. WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR  
14 THE RAPID LINE. WE'RE STILL WAITING FOR THE BUS-ONLY LANE.  
15 WHAT'S THE HOLDUP? EXCEPT TO KEEP, DIVIDE AND CONQUER. WE'LL  
16 GIVE A LITTLE BIT OVER HERE, WE'LL GIVE A LITTLE BIT OVER  
17 THERE. NOBODY WILL BE SATISFIED. BUT WE'LL MAKE THE MONEY. WE  
18 HAVE A PROP A, WE HAVE A PROP C. LET'S NOT FORGET THE  
19 INITIATIVE THAT WAS PASSED BY THE VOTERS IN THE STATE ELECTION  
20 LAST YEAR THAT THE STATE'S GOING TO ROB ALL THE MONEY, ANYWAY,  
21 FROM. NOW WE WANT A HALF CENT SALES TAX. O.C.T.A. RAISED THEIR  
22 TAX, HALF CENT, TO DO CONSTRUCTION IN ORANGE COUNTY. THEY  
23 DIDN'T GET THIS MUCH GRIEF. THE BILL PASSED. LOOK AT THE WORK  
24 THAT WAS DONE AROUND DISNEYLAND WITH THE I-5 AND THE 91  
25 FREEWAY. THEY'RE FINISHED. THEY GOT THE MONEY. THEY SPENT THE



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1 MONEY. AND THINGS WERE DONE. WE GET MONEY, WE SPEND THE MONEY,  
2 BUT NOTHING GETS DONE. THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS  
3 AND YOUR ATTENTION.

4

5 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** YEAH, I'D JUST LIKE TO POINT OUT THAT THE  
6 SLAM DUNK ISSUE THAT WE WERE TOLD REALLY DIDN'T TAKE EFFECT IN  
7 THE COURTROOM WHEN YOU READ THE REMARKS THAT THE PRESIDING  
8 JUDGE MADE RELATIVE TO THE M.T.A.'S APPROACH TO THIS ISSUE,  
9 WHICH I THOUGHT WAS INTERESTING AND ENLIGHTENING. THERE COULD  
10 HAVE BEEN NO COSTS TO THE TAXPAYER. THE MAYOR OF THE CITY OF  
11 LOS ANGELES DECIDED TO STICK TO A BACK ROOM DEAL AND NOT CALL  
12 THE M.T.A. BACK INTO SESSION AND COME UP WITH A PROPOSAL THAT  
13 WE COULD ALL SUPPORT THAT WOULD HAVE DEVELOPED AN EQUITABLE  
14 DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS SO THAT THE ENTIRE COUNTY'S TRANSIT  
15 NEEDS TO BE MET OVER THIS 30-YEAR PERIOD. AND THE PROPOSAL  
16 THAT WE HAVE BEFORE US IS ACTUALLY GOING TO COST TAXPAYERS  
17 MORE THAN LESS BECAUSE VERY LIKELY IT WILL BE DEFEATED IN  
18 NOVEMBER BECAUSE IT DID NOT ENGAGE THE PEOPLE THROUGHOUT THE  
19 ENTIRE COUNTY, BE IT THE SOUTH SIDE, NORTH SIDE, EAST SIDE  
20 PARTS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT'S ONLY BENEFITING ONE SPECIFIC  
21 GROUP, AND THAT'S ON THE WEST SIDE. AND THEY SHOULD BE A PART  
22 OF THE SOLUTION BUT NOT THE TOTAL PART. THE MAYOR DID HAVE  
23 TIME, THAT WAS A POLITICAL DECISION THAT HE MADE. WE COULD  
24 HAVE HAD THIS REWRITTEN AND APPROVED AND BEEN ON THE BALLOT IN  
25 NOVEMBER. OR IF HE WANTED TO TAKE A LITTLE ADDITIONAL TIME,



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1 PUT IT ON THE SPRING ELECTION AND HAVE IT VOTED ON AGAIN WITH  
2 ALL OF THE SUPPORT OF THE PEOPLE. BECAUSE ALL OF THE PEOPLE  
3 ARE PAYING FOR THIS. NOT JUST ONE SECTION OF THE COMMUNITY IS  
4 PAYING FOR IT, BUT THE ENTIRE COUNTY. AND IF WE WANT A FAIR  
5 PROPOSAL, THAT MEANS WE WORK WITH THE PEOPLE FAIRLY, IN THE  
6 OPEN, NOT BEHIND CLOSED DOORS.

7

8 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ANY OTHER COMMENTS? WE HAVE THE MOTION AND  
9 SECOND. CALL THE ROLL.

10

11 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA?

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13 **SUP. MOLINA:** NO.

14

15 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY? SUPERVISOR KNABE?

16

17 **SUP. KNABE:** AYE.

18

19 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR ANTONOVICH?

20

21 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** NO.

22

23 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** SUPERVISOR BURKE.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AYE. THE ITEM IS APPROVED.



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2 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** THE NEXT ITEM, MADAME CHAIR, IS ITEM 25.

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4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I'M SORRY WE'VE HAD YOU WAITING SO LONG.  
5 KERRY CARMODY, ROGER SEIVER, RICH CORDOVA, WOULD YOU PLEASE  
6 COME FORWARD? RICH CORDOVA? AND THEN WE'LL BE CALLING MARK  
7 MEYERS. IN FACT, MR. MEYERS, WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD AT  
8 THE SAME TIME? HAVE SOME PEOPLE LEFT?

9

10 **SPEAKER:** SOME PEOPLE DID LEAVE.

11

12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. PLEASE STATE YOUR NAME.

13

14 **ROGER SEIVER:** MY NAME IS ROGER SEIVER, I'M PRESIDENT OF THE  
15 HENRY MAYO NEWHALL MEMORIAL HOSPITAL IN SANTA CLARITA. I'M  
16 HERE TODAY TO ADVOCATE FOR YOUR APPROVAL OF A COST OF LIVING  
17 INCREASE IN THE MEASURE "B" FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE  
18 TRAUMA SYSTEM. WE'RE A RELATIVELY SMALL HOSPITAL, SERVING THE  
19 NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY AREA AND A MEMBER OF THE TRAUMA  
20 SYSTEM. I EMPHASIZE THE SYSTEM BECAUSE TRAUMA, LIKE A LOT OF  
21 EMERGENCY SERVICES, NEEDS TO BE CONSIDERED AS A WHOLE SYSTEM,  
22 AND WE'RE A SMALL PART OF THAT WHOLE, BUT AN IMPORTANT PART TO  
23 THE RESIDENTS OF THE SANTA CLARITA VALLEY AND THOSE THAT USE  
24 THE RECREATIONAL AREAS OF NORTH LOS ANGELES COUNTY. THE  
25 FUNDING MEASURE THAT THIS BOARD SUPPORTED AND PUT IN PLACE IS



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1 A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF OVERALL TRAUMA FUNDING. THE OVERALL  
2 EMERGENCY SYSTEM IS FRAGILE. THE TRAUMA SYSTEM, OF COURSE, HAS  
3 BEEN HELD TOGETHER, I THINK, BECAUSE OF THE ACTION OF THIS  
4 BOARD IN PRIOR YEARS. MY URGE TODAY IS SIMPLY TO CONTINUE YOUR  
5 SUPPORT, ALLOW THE COST OF LIVING, AND AVOID ANOTHER CRISIS IN  
6 THE OVERALL TRAUMA SYSTEM. THANK YOU FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION.

7

8 **RICH CORDOVA:** GOOD AFTERNOON, SUPERVISORS, MADAME CHAIR. MY  
9 NAME IS RICH CORDOVA, I'M THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF  
10 CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL OF LOS ANGELES AND I, TOO, WANT TO EXPRESS  
11 MY SUPPORT TO INCREASE THE MEASURE "B" SITUATION. THE  
12 RECOMMENDATION THAT'S COMING FROM YOUR CHIEF EXECUTIVE  
13 OFFICER. CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL PLAYS A VERY CRITICAL ROLE IN THE  
14 TRAUMA SYSTEM. WE'RE THE ONLY LEVEL 1 FREESTANDING PEDIATRIC  
15 TRAUMA CENTER IN THE COUNTY. OUR CASELOAD OVER THE PAST FEW  
16 YEARS HAS GROWN SUBSTANTIALLY. ONE OF THE FACTORS THAT MAKES  
17 IT MORE DIFFICULT FOR US IS THAT WE ARE TREATING ABOUT 75  
18 PERCENT ON THE INPATIENT SIDE AS MEDI-CAL. I'VE SPOKEN TO SOME  
19 OF YOU ABOUT THIS NOTION THAT YOU JUST CAN'T RUN A HOSPITAL ON  
20 75 PERCENT MEDI-CAL. SO ANYTHING WE CAN DO TO HELP SUPPORT, WE  
21 VERY MUCH APPRECIATE THE SUPERVISORS' SUPPORT IN THE PAST. WE  
22 WILL CONTINUE TO WORK WITH MANY OF OUR COLLEAGUES, MY  
23 COLLEAGUES THAT WILL BE UP HERE TODAY. MANY OF THEM WERE HERE  
24 THIS MORNING. SOME OF THEM HAD TO GO ON TO OTHER APPOINTMENTS  
25 AND THEY CAN'T BE HERE. BUT I WANT TO TELL YOU THAT THE



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1 C.E.O.S OF THE TRAUMA CENTERS ARE 100 PERCENT BEHIND THIS. WE  
2 REALLY APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT IN THIS MEASURE. THANK YOU.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. GERALD KOZAI? AND CHRISTOPHER  
5 DICICCO? AND MIKE WALL? PLEASE COME FORWARD. AND THE OTHER  
6 PEOPLE THAT I HAD CALLED HAD TO LEAVE, WAS THAT IT? PLEASE  
7 STATE YOUR NAME.

8

9 **GERRY KOZAI:** MADAME CHAIRMAN, I'M GERRY KOZAI, I'M THE  
10 PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. AT ST. FRANCIS MEDICAL CENTER. MADAME  
11 CHAIR, ESTEEMED MEMBERS OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF  
12 SUPERVISORS, I'M HERE ALSO TO SUPPORT THE INITIATIVE OF  
13 INCREASING THE FUNDING FOR THE TRAUMA CENTERS OF LOS ANGELES  
14 COUNTY. FIRST OF ALL, I WANT TO THANK EACH AND EVERY ONE OF  
15 YOU FOR THE SUPPORT OF KEEPING THE TRAUMA CENTERS AND SYSTEM  
16 TOGETHER FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY. IT WAS THROUGH THE WISDOM OF  
17 THIS BOARD THAT BALLOT MEASURE "B" WAS VOTED POSITIVELY  
18 OVERWHELMINGLY BY THE CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY. AND  
19 SINCE THAT TIME, IN 2005, WE HAVE HAD A VERY ROBUST AND  
20 SUCCESSFUL TRAUMA PROGRAM, LARGELY DUE TO THE FACT THAT WE  
21 HAVE THE RESOURCES AND THE COOPERATION OF BEING ABLE TO HAVE A  
22 TRULY PUBLIC/PRIVATE PARTNERSHIP AS IT DEALS WITH TRAUMA CARE,  
23 THE MOST CRITICAL OF THE CRITICAL THAT SEEK CARE AT OUR  
24 MEDICAL CENTERS. AS YOU KNOW, JUST AS THE COUNTY HAS BEEN  
25 EXPERIENCING, THE PRIVATE HOSPITALS HAVE ALSO BEEN CHALLENGED





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1 WITH THE EVER GROWING NUMBER OF UNAVAILABLE RESOURCES AND THE  
2 GROWING NUMBER OF UNINSURED, AND I BELIEVE THAT IT WAS THROUGH  
3 THE WISDOM OF THE BALLOT MEASURE "B" THAT ALLOWED FOR A COST  
4 OF LIVING INDEX TO KEEP UP WITH INFLATION AND MEDICAL  
5 INFLATION IN NATURE. THAT IS WHY WE ARE HERE TODAY TO SEEK  
6 YOUR SUPPORT AND ASKING FOR THAT INCREASE. IT WAS REALLY THE  
7 CITIZENS OF LOS ANGELES THAT VOTED UPON BALLOT MEASURE "B,"  
8 THAT FELT THAT IT WAS IMPORTANT THAT A ROBUST AND SUCCESSFUL  
9 TRAUMA SYSTEM EXIST THEN AS WELL AS TODAY AND FOR THE FUTURE.  
10 AND WE'RE SIMPLY ASKING TO PLEASE TAKE THAT PROVISION AND  
11 ALLOW FOR THAT INCREASE TO OCCUR SO THAT WE CAN REMAIN STRONG  
12 IN THE YEARS TO COME.

13

14 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND I WANT TO SAY WE DO APPRECIATE YOUR  
15 CONTRIBUTION TO OUR EMERGENCY SYSTEM AND HOW IMPORTANT IT'S  
16 BEEN WITH THE LOSS OF MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. WE WANT TO  
17 THANK YOU CERTAINLY FOR MY DISTRICT, I KNOW THAT YOU HAVE BEEN  
18 KEY. THANK YOU VERY MUCH.

19

20 **MARK MEYERS:** MY NAME IS MARK MEYERS, I'M THE PRESIDENT OF  
21 CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER. AND I, TOO, AM HERE IN  
22 SUPPORT OF THE RECOMMENDED COST OF LIVING INCREASE AND MEASURE  
23 "B" FUNDING. I, TOO, WANT TO COMMEND THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
24 FOR HAVING THE VISION TO STABILIZE THE FUNDING OF TRAUMA.  
25 WHILE SOME STATES HAVE RISEN TO THE OCCASION, THE STATE OF



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1 CALIFORNIA DID NOT. SO I THANK YOU FOR YOUR VISION. IN TRAUMA,  
2 LOS ANGELES COUNTY IS A MODEL FOR THE NATION. THE TRAUMA  
3 SYSTEM IS STRONG AND THE QUALITY OF CARE IS WIDELY RECOGNIZED.  
4 THE TRAUMA LEVEL 1 PROGRAMS ARE SIMPLY OUTSTANDING AND THE  
5 LEVEL 2 PROGRAMS, UNLIKE MANY OTHER LOCALES, ARE STAFFED WITH  
6 ROUND THE CLOCK SURGEONS AND ANESTHESIOLOGISTS. UNLIKE OTHER  
7 LOCALES, THE EIGHT LEVEL 2 PROGRAMS ARE SUCCESSFULLY PASSING  
8 VERIFICATION SURVEYS. THIS MEANS THAT THE QUALITY OF OUR  
9 TRAUMA SYSTEM OF HOSPITALS HAS BEEN MEETING THE HIGH STANDARDS  
10 SET BY THE AMERICAN COLLEGE OF SURGEONS. CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL  
11 IS THE FIRST NEW PROGRAM IN THE NATION TO BE SURVEYED TWICE  
12 WITH NO DEFICIENCIES, THE FIRST IN THE HISTORY OF THE PROGRAM.  
13 A WORD ABOUT FINANCE. ACROSS THE STATE, THERE ARE MANY TRAUMA  
14 PROGRAMS THAT DO NOT NEED SUPPLEMENTAL FUNDING. AT THESE  
15 PROGRAMS, THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED PATIENTS IS LOW ENOUGH THAT  
16 THEY CAN BE CROSS SUBSIDIZED BY THE NUMBER OF INSURED  
17 PATIENTS. IN CONTRAST, L.A. COUNTY, THE HOSPITALS HAVE THE  
18 CHALLENGE OF VERY HIGH LEVELS OF UNINSURED PATIENTS. MANY  
19 HOSPITALS IN L.A. COUNTY THAT PROVIDE TRAUMA SERVICES COULD  
20 NOT SURVIVE WITHOUT THE INDIGENT CARE FUNDS. AS EXAMPLES, ST.  
21 FRANCIS, CALIFORNIA HOSPITALS AND OTHERS ARE IN AREAS WITH  
22 HIGH LEVELS OF UNINSURED AND AREAS THAT ALSO GENERATE VERY  
23 MUCH PENETRATING TRAUMA. IF THESE HOSPITALS WERE NOT THERE,  
24 PATIENTS WOULD HAVE TO TRAVEL MUCH FURTHER. AND AS YOU KNOW,  
25 TIME TO TREATMENT IS A CRITICAL FACTOR FOR SUCCESSFUL PATIENT



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1 OUTCOMES. TO FURTHER ILLUSTRATE, CALIFORNIA HOSPITAL HANDLES  
2 2,000 PLUS PATIENTS PER YEAR LARGELY FROM AREAS SOUTH AND  
3 SOUTHWEST OF THE HOSPITAL. FOR THESE PATIENTS, CALIFORNIA  
4 HOSPITAL IS BY FAR THE CLOSEST HOSPITAL. AND IN ANY GIVEN  
5 MONTH, THE NUMBER OF UNINSURED PATIENTS IS 50 TO 65 PERCENT OF  
6 THE TOTAL. SO FOR CALIFORNIA HOSPITALS AND MANY OTHERS,  
7 MEASURE "B" FUNDS ARE ESSENTIAL. BUT A PROBLEM FOR PRIVATE AS  
8 WELL AS OUR PUBLIC HOSPITALS IS THAT THE TOTAL MEASURE "B"  
9 FUNDS AVAILABLE ARE NOT INCREASING TO MATCH THE RISING COSTS  
10 OF MEDICAL INFLATION. SOMETHING MUST HAPPEN TO ADDRESS THIS  
11 UNPLEASANT FACT. OUR VARIOUS PUBLIC SUPPORTS THE STABILITY OF  
12 THE PUBLIC SYSTEM. PLEASE USE THE AUTHORITY GIVEN YOU BY THE  
13 VOTERS OF MEASURE "B" TO BRING THE NEEDED FUNDING.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I WANT TO SAY THE SAME THING FOR  
16 CALIFORNIA. YOU HAVE BEEN KEY TO OUR SYSTEM IN TERMS OF THE  
17 IMPACT FROM MARTIN LUTHER KING HOSPITAL. CERTAINLY APPRECIATE  
18 ALL THE WORK.

19

20 **MARK MEYERS:** THANK YOU.

21

22 **CHRIS DICICCO:** HI. I'M CHRIS DICICCO. I'M THE PRESIDENT AND  
23 C.E.O. OF ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL IN LONG BEACH. I WANT TO SPEND  
24 SOME TIME WITH YOU TALKING YOU WHY THIS IS ESSENTIAL FOR US.  
25 AS YOU KNOW, WE HAVE A PORT IN OUR COMMUNITY. AND IT IS



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1 GROWING LEAPS AND BOUNDS. IF AT ANY PARTICULAR TIME THERE'S A  
2 TERRORIST ATTACK IN THAT PARTICULAR AREA, AND SINCE LONG  
3 BEACH, SINCE ST. MARY'S MEDICAL CENTER IS A DISASTER RESOURCE  
4 CENTER, WHICH HAPPENED APPROXIMATELY TWO YEARS AGO, WE WOULD  
5 BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ABOUT 8 OR 9 HOSPITALS WITHIN OUR AREA TO  
6 SUPPLY THEM WITH CERTAIN MATERIALS THAT HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO US  
7 BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT. IF THAT TRAUMA SYSTEM IS NOT IN  
8 EFFECT, IT WOULD BE DISASTROUS, NOT ONLY TO OUR COMMUNITY, BUT  
9 IT WOULD BE FOR COMMUNITIES OUTSIDE OF US, AS WELL. SO I'M  
10 ASKING FOR YOUR SUPPORT. AND IT'S REALLY NEEDED. THANK YOU.

11  
12 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU. DR. CLAVREUL AND ARNOLD SACHS,  
13 WOULD YOU PLEASE COME FORWARD?

14  
15 **MIKE WALL:** I'M MIKE WALL, THE PRESIDENT AND C.E.O. OF NORTH  
16 NORTHRIDGE HOSPITAL MEDICAL CENTER. I THINK IT'S BEEN SAID  
17 WELL BY MY COLLEAGUES. KERRY CARMODY, WHO IS THE PRESIDENT AND  
18 C.E.O. OF HOLY CROSS HOSPITAL WAS HERE AND HAD TO LEAVE. BUT  
19 WE NEED YOUR HELP. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT. IN THE VALLEY THERE'S  
20 JUST TWO OF US, HOLY CROSS AND NORTHRIDGE AS THE TRAUMA  
21 CENTERS SERVING OVER 2 MILLION PEOPLE. I THINK IT'S BEEN WELL-  
22 STATED IN TERMS OF THE CASE. WE APPRECIATE THE SUPPORT UNDER  
23 MEASURE "B." WE WOULD NOT HAVE THE SYSTEM WITHOUT IT AND NEED  
24 YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT. THANK YOU.



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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU VERY MUCH. DR. CLAVREUL?

2

3    **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON, BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
4    DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL. WELL, I AM IN SUPPORT OF THAT MEASURE  
5    FOR ONCE. BUT I THINK I WOULD LIKE A LOT OF THAT MONEY TO GO  
6    BACK TO KING-DREW MEDICAL CENTER WHEN IT'S REOPENED. AND I'M  
7    REALLY LOOKING FOR THAT DAY. YOU KNOW, I'M STILL SEEING THE  
8    DATE OF 2010 FOR REOPENING. I DON'T LIKE THAT. I WOULD LIKE IT  
9    TO BE CLOSER. FOR THE CALIFORNIA HOSPITALS, THEY OPEN WITH  
10    ALMOST ALL STAFF FROM KING-DREW WHEN THEY CLOSED. ALL THE TOP  
11    SURGEONS WENT TO THEIR TRAUMA CENTER. AND I THINK IT WOULD BE  
12    TIME IN THE COMMUNITY BENEFIT MORE OF THAT, THAN ALL THE  
13    PRIVATE HOSPITALS. THANK YOU.

14

15    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU.

16

17    **SUP. KNABE:** I ORIGINALLY HAD ASKED FOR A CONTINUANCE. I DON'T  
18    HAVE A PROBLEM WITH THE VOTE BEING HELD TODAY. I SUPPORT THE  
19    MEASURE. MY PROBLEM IS-- AND SOMEONE FROM THE DEPARTMENT CAN  
20    RESPOND TO THIS-- BUT, YOU KNOW, IT SEEMS LIKE JUST A TOTAL  
21    REJECTION OF THE THINGS THAT THIS BOARD SAYS EACH AND EVERY  
22    WEEK IN REGARDS TO THE DEPARTMENT. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT WAS  
23    TO COME FORWARD, DR. SCHUNHOF OR SOMEONE? WHEN THIS ITEM WAS  
24    TO COME FORWARD, WE WERE TO HAVE A DEFICIT MANAGEMENT PLAN.  
25    HOW ARE THEY GOING TO DEAL WITH THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES? AND ONCE



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1 AGAIN, TO ME, AND I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THE MEASURE ONLY  
2 BECAUSE I KNOW HOW IMPORTANT MEASURE "B" IS. AND YOU'VE HEARD  
3 SOME OF OUR C.E.O.S FROM THE OTHER HOSPITALS. BUT TO ME THIS  
4 JUST REPRESENTS A SHELL GAME, IN THAT YOU'RE NOT REALLY  
5 DEALING WITH THE SYSTEMIC ISSUES OF THE DEPARTMENT. AND WHAT  
6 I'M REALLY CONCERNED ABOUT-- AND WE DO HAVE CONTROLS OVER HOW  
7 THE MEASURE "B" MONEY IS SPENT. BUT IT'S LIKE A SHELL GAME,  
8 PUTTING THIS MONEY. YOU'RE GOING TO PULL IT FROM SOMEPLACE  
9 ELSE TO MANAGE THIS THING. AND YOU STILL HAVE NOT GIVEN US A  
10 DEFICIT MANAGEMENT PLAN. WE DON'T HAVE IT. I MEAN HOPEFULLY, I  
11 MEAN NOW I GUESS THE NEXT DATE WILL BE THE CLOSING OF THE  
12 BOOKS IN SEPTEMBER OR WHENEVER WE DO THIS KIND OF THING. BUT  
13 TO PUT THIS FORWARD WITHOUT ANY OTHER STRUCTURAL ISSUES  
14 ADDRESSED I BELIEVE IS A DISRESPECT OF THIS BOARD BECAUSE WE  
15 CONTINUE TO ASK FOR THIS EACH AND EVERY-- WHAT DO WE TALK  
16 ABOUT EVERY WEEK? WE TALK ABOUT THE STRUCTURAL DEFICIT IN THE  
17 HEALTH DEPARTMENT. OKAY? ISOLATE THIS. THIS WAS TO BE PART OF  
18 THAT. AND, AGAIN, I HELD. I WAS GOING TO CONTINUE BECAUSE I  
19 WANTED TO TALK TO THE DEPARTMENT AGAIN ABOUT IT, ABOUT THE  
20 DEFICIT MANAGEMENT PLAN. BUT I UNDERSTAND YAROSLAVSKY IS NOT  
21 GOING TO BE HERE NEXT WEEK AND THEN SUPERVISOR MOLINA THE  
22 FOLLOWING. SO I DON'T HAVE A PROBLEM MOVING FORWARD BECAUSE I  
23 DO SUPPORT IT. AND WE SUPPORTED MEASURE "B" IN THE ORIGINAL  
24 DAYS. BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT JUST BECAUSE I'M SUPPORTING  
25 THIS, I HAVE THOUGHT FORGOTTEN ABOUT WHAT YOU OWE US. AND





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1 THAT'S A SYSTEMIC DEFICIT MANAGEMENT PLAN IN THAT DEPARTMENT.  
2 BECAUSE IT'S SNOWBALLING. I DON'T HAVE ANY OTHER COMMENTS OR  
3 QUESTIONS ABOUT THIS ISSUE. MINE IS TOTALLY UNRELATED TO THE  
4 MEASURE "B" ISSUE IF WE WANT TO JUST MOVE FORWARD WITH THAT,  
5 BUT PLEASE KNOW WE'RE WATCHING.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY.

8

9 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, LET ME JUST SAY A WORD ON THIS  
10 WHOLE ISSUE THAT'S BEFORE US. LET ME JUST SAY I THINK  
11 SUPERVISOR KNABE'S FRUSTRATION IS SHARED TO ONE EXTENT OR  
12 ANOTHER BY ALL OF US. BUT THAT DOESN'T CHANGE, AS HE  
13 INDICATED, IT DOESN'T CHANGE THE FACT THAT IN A GLOBAL SENSE  
14 SOMETHING NEEDS TO BE DONE. WHEN WE APPROVED IN 2002, SIX  
15 YEARS AGO, THE PLACEMENT OF PROPOSITION B ON THE BALLOT, WHICH  
16 WAS THE 3-CENT PER SQUARE FOOT PARCEL TAX TO THE TRAUMA SYSTEM  
17 AND THE EMERGENCY MEDICAL SYSTEM OF THIS COUNTY AFLOAT, WE  
18 INCLUDED A PROVISION THAT ALLOWED FOR A COST OF LIVING  
19 INCREASE, OR COST OF LIVING ADJUSTMENT BY A MAJORITY VOTE OF  
20 THIS BOARD. A COST OF LIVING UP TO THE MEDICAL-- I THINK IT'S  
21 CALLED THE MEDICAL CONSUMER PRICE INDEX OR SOMETHING ALONG  
22 THOSE LINES FOR SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA. AND THERE WERE SOME  
23 SKEPTICS AND CYNICS OUT THERE WHO THOUGHT WE WERE GOING TO DO  
24 THIS AND BE ROUTINE. THE FACT IS WE HAVE NEVER DONE IT. WE  
25 HAVE NEVER EXERCISED OUR AUTHORITY TO INCREASE THE TAX





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1 COMMENSURATE WITH THE C.P.I. OR 100TH OF ONE CENT. AND I THINK  
2 THIS BOARD HISTORICALLY, WHATEVER OUR DIFFERENCES ARE FROM  
3 TIME TO TIME, I THINK WE'VE TRIED TO GENERALLY BE AS FISCALLY  
4 RESPONSIBLE AND LIVE WITHIN OUR MEANS AND NOT JUST SPEND MONEY  
5 OR RAISE REVENUE WHEN WE DON'T REALLY NEED IT. AND IN SOME  
6 CASES OVER THE LAST FIVE YEARS, WE WERE APPROACHED BY THE  
7 DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND BY THE COUNTY ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER  
8 IN THOSE DAYS TO RAISE THE FEE. AND IT WAS IN SOME CASES I  
9 THOUGHT A KNEE JERK REQUEST AND IN SOME CASES IT MAY HAVE EVEN  
10 BEEN JUSTIFIED. BUT WE MADE THE COLLECTIVE JUDGMENT HERE THAT  
11 IT WAS-- THAT WE WEREN'T AT THAT POINT YET. AND BY THE WAY,  
12 WHEN WE FAILED TO-- WHEN WE REFRAINED FROM RAISING THE COST OF  
13 LIVING, WHILE WE CAN RECOUP SOME OF IT IN THE FUTURE YEARS, WE  
14 CAN'T RECOUP ALL OF IT. SOME OF IT'S LOST FOREVER. AND SO IF  
15 THERE IS TO THE BUREAUCRACY, THERE IS A SACRIFICE THAT IS  
16 PERMANENT. THERE'S A LOSS THAT ARE PERMANENT. SO WE HAVEN'T  
17 DONE IT UP UNTIL NOW. AND I HAVE, AS ONE MEMBER, REFRAINED  
18 FROM VOTING FOR IT UP UNTIL NOW. AND I ALSO SHARE SOME OF WHAT  
19 MR. KNABE SAID IN SOME OF MY PREVIOUS FRUSTRATIONS, THAT SOME  
20 OF THE THINGS THAT WE HAVE ASKED HAVE NOT BEEN DONE. WE'LL  
21 DEAL WITH THAT SEPARATELY. BUT WE'RE GOING TO DEAL WITH IT.  
22 ONE WAY OR ANOTHER IT'S GOING TO GET DEALT WITH. SOME OF THE  
23 THINGS THAT WE HAVE ASKED THE C.E.O. AND THE DEPARTMENT TO DO,  
24 STAFFING AT KING, THE M.A.C.C. AND OTHER THINGS. BUT WE NEED  
25 THIS NOW. WE NEED THIS IN THIS FISCAL YEAR. THERE IS NO



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1 QUESTION ABOUT IT. WE'RE ENTERING INTO A NEW NEGOTIATION NEXT  
2 YEAR WITH THE STATE. THE STATE WILL BE NEGOTIATING WITH THE  
3 FEDS ON OUR BEHALF ON THE WAIVER. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THAT'S  
4 GOING TO LOOK LIKE. THE UNCERTAINTY OF THAT ON TOP OF  
5 EVERYTHING ELSE THAT'S GOING ON IN THE MEDICAL CARE FIELD,  
6 DICTATES THAT WE NEED TO MAKE THIS ADJUSTMENT, NOT ONLY FOR  
7 OURSELVES BUT FOR OUR PARTNERS, SOME OF WHOM WE'VE HEARD FROM  
8 A FEW MOMENTS AGO, WHO DELIVER TRAUMA CARE IN EVERY PART OF  
9 THIS COUNTY. IF THERE'S ONE THING I THINK THE PEOPLE OF THIS  
10 COUNTY CAN DO, AND HAVE THAT OPPORTUNITY AGAIN THIS NOVEMBER  
11 AS THEY DID IN NOVEMBER OF 2002, AS THEY DO IN EVERY ELECTION  
12 YEAR, IS TO DISCRIMINATE BETWEEN THE THINGS THAT ARE IMPORTANT  
13 OR TO PRIORITIZE BETWEEN THE THINGS THAT ARE MOST IMPORTANT TO  
14 THEM AT A GIVEN TIME AND THOSE THINGS THAT ARE LESS IMPORTANT.  
15 IN 2002, AND I BELIEVE AS WE SPEAK TODAY, NOTHING IS MORE  
16 IMPORTANT TO EVERY MAN, WOMAN AND CHILD IN THIS COUNTY, IS THE  
17 FUNCTIONING OF THE TRAUMA AND E.M.S. SYSTEM, EMERGENCY MEDICAL  
18 SERVICE SYSTEM, OF THIS REGION. NOT ONLY IS THE COUNTY  
19 GOVERNMENTAL SYSTEM STRESSED, BUT THE PRIVATE SECTOR SYSTEM IS  
20 EQUALLY STRESSED, IF NOT MORE SO. WE'VE CLOSED ONE HOSPITAL  
21 TEMPORARILY. I CERTAINLY HOPE THAT'S THE CASE AND EXPECT  
22 THAT'S THE CASE. HOSPITALS IN THE PRIVATE SECTOR HAVE BEEN  
23 CLOSING PERMANENTLY. AND THEY'VE BEEN CLOSING IN SIGNIFICANT  
24 NUMBERS. THAT HAS PUT MORE OF A STRESS ON US AND ON THE  
25 REMAINING HOSPITALS, SOME OF WHOM WE'VE HEARD FROM TODAY. SO



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1 IN A SENSE, IT IS KIND OF A MIRACLE THAT WE'VE BEEN ABLE TO  
2 GET THROUGH THESE LAST SIX YEARS OR FIVE YEARS SINCE THE TAX  
3 WAS COLLECTED WITHOUT AN ADJUSTMENT. EVERY OTHER TAX THAT WE  
4 RAISE IS ADJUSTED BY COST OF LIVING JUST BECAUSE IT INCREASES.  
5 PROPERTY TAXES INCREASE, NOT BECAUSE WE ACT ON IT BUT BECAUSE  
6 PROPERTY INFLATION CREATES MORE TAX REVENUE FOR US, SALES TAX  
7 IF THERE'S GROWTH IN INFLATION RATE, WE WILL SEE A GROWTH.  
8 THIS ONE WE HAVE TO ACT ON. WE HAVEN'T. SO WE HAVE BEEN  
9 ACTUALLY HOLDING BACK AND BEEN ON A TREADMILL THAT HAS GONE  
10 FASTER THAN WE ARE IN THAT REGARD. I THINK IT'S KIND OF TO  
11 SOME EXTENT A MIRACLE AND A TESTAMENT TO HOW WE JUGGLED IT  
12 WITH OUR PARTNERS OVER THESE LAST FIVE YEARS. BUT THE TIME HAS  
13 COME TO DO IT AND I HOPE WE DON'T HAVE TO DO THIS FOR AT LEAST  
14 ANOTHER FIVE YEARS IF NOT MORE. I THINK WE SHOULD HAVE EARNED  
15 THE RESPECT AND THE TRUST OF THIS ONE OF THE PUBLIC. THEY KNOW  
16 THAT WE'RE NOT GOING TO APPROVE THESE INCREASES ANNUALLY IN A  
17 KNEE JERK FASHION. IN EFFECT, THIS IS THE FIRST TIME IN SIX  
18 YEARS. I'M GOING TO SUPPORT THIS MEASURE, AND I WOULD MOVE IT.

19

20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IT'S BEEN MOVED. IS THERE A SECOND? ALL  
21 RIGHT. THIS ITEM IS APPROVED AND WILL REFLECT THAT SUPERVISOR  
22 ANTONOVICH IS RECORDED AS NO.

23

24 **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** 22?

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DR. CLAVREUL, I THINK YOU'RE HOLDING 22?  
2   AND YOU'RE ALSO HOLDING 62. AND S-2? YOU MIGHT WANT TO ADDRESS  
3   ALL THREE.

4

5   **DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** GOOD AFTERNOON. DR. GENEVIEVE  
6   CLAVREUL. WELL, I'M GLAD TO FINALLY SEE THAT THE CATEGORY OF  
7   NURSING CLASSIFICATION HAS BEEN BROUGHT BACK. IT IS ABOUT  
8   TIME. IT TOOK SO LONG, I THOUGHT IT WOULD NEVER HAPPEN. SO I'M  
9   GLAD TO SEE IT. AND I HOPE THAT IT WOULD BE TOTALLY  
10   RETROACTIVE, AS IT LOOKS LIKE IT WILL BE. ON S-2, YOU KNOW,  
11   WHEN WE ARE TALKING OF THE DEFICIT, WE ARE TALKING ABOUT TO  
12   SEE THE BUDGET OF D.H.S. PUSHED BACK WEEK AFTER WEEK, WEEK  
13   AFTER WEEK IS A TOTAL FARCE. WHEN I SEE THAT THE SHORTFALL FOR  
14   THE FISCAL YEAR 2008 AND 9 IS \$93.7 MILLION AND FOR 2009 AND  
15   '10 IS 484.9 MILLION. IT'S MIND BOGGLING. THAT'S AN ISSUE I  
16   HAVE BROUGHT BACK TO THIS BOARD CONSISTENTLY. AND WE KNOW WE  
17   STILL HAVE PROBABLY ABOUT 300 EMPLOYEES OVER THE NEED AT THE  
18   M.A.C.C.. THAT IS NOT BEING DEALT WITH. IF YOU GET A WAIVER,  
19   YOU SURELY ARE GOING TO BE LUCKY. AND YOU'RE GOING TO HAVE  
20   FEDS WHO ARE TOTALLY BLIND BECAUSE SUCH A HUGE MISMANAGEMENT,  
21   THAT'S UNBELIEVABLE. AND I AM VERY CONCERNED OF THE CONSTANT  
22   LACK OF OPENNESS OF THE BOARD SINCE MR. FUJIOKA JOINED OUR  
23   GROUP. AND I WILL SHARE WITH YOUR MANAGER ALSO TO THE EDITOR  
24   OF THE DAILY NEWS, I FEEL MORE AND MORE WE HAVE LESS OPENNESS  
25   IN OUR MEETINGS. THANK YOU.



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**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** YOU KNOW, I REALLY THINK THAT-- AND I'VE  
WRITTEN A LETTER. I THINK THERE NEEDS TO BE A BREAKDOWN ON HOW  
THEY CALCULATE THE STAFF IN TERMS OF WHAT'S ALLOCATED TO THAT  
STAFF AND ALSO THE AMOUNTS THAT ARE ALLOCATED. I SENT A LETTER  
TO DR. SCHUNHOF AND I THINK THAT WE SHOULD HAVE A BREAKDOWN.  
BECAUSE PARTICULARLY AS WE ARE GOING TO U.C., THEY'RE GOING TO  
WANT TO KNOW EXACTLY HOW WE CALCULATE THE COSTS AND WHAT WE  
ALLOCATE IN TERMS OF WHAT STAFF AND WHAT ITEMS ARE INCLUDED IN  
THE M.A.C.C. COST IN TERMS OF PER VISIT. SO I DO THINK THERE  
SHOULD BE A BREAKDOWN THAT WE CAN ALL SEE.

12

**DR. GENEVIEVE CLAVREUL:** I THINK IT'S VERY IMPORTANT. WHEN I  
WENT BACK AND LOOKED AT SOME ITEMS, IT LOOKED LIKE SOME OF THE  
EMPLOYEES WHO WERE REMOVED FROM KING IN 2007, MULTIPLE PEOPLE  
IN HIGH POSITIONS, AND I HAVE THE DOCUMENT. I WOULD BE GLAD TO  
SHARE WITH YOU. PEOPLE IN HIGH POSITION, INCLUDING DIRECTOR OF  
NURSING AND SO ON WERE NOT TRAINED FOR THE PART OF THE JOB  
THEY WERE DOING. AND THAT'S I THINK PART OF THE PROBLEM. THANK  
YOU.

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**SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** AND THAT'S FOR ALL THREE ITEMS, RIGHT?

23

**CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** ITEM 22 AND 62 RELATE TO ONE ANOTHER.

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1   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** MOVED BY KNABE, SECONDED BY ANTONOVICH.  
2   WITHOUT OBJECTION, SO ORDERED.

3

4   **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND ON ITEM S-2, THE DEPARTMENT HAS  
5   REQUESTED-- OR EXCUSE ME THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER HAS  
6   REQUESTED THAT THIS ITEM BE CONTINUED TO SEPTEMBER 16TH.

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8   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WITHOUT OBJECTION.

9

10   **SUP. ANTONOVICH:** ARE WE DOING S-2? IS THAT BEING CONTINUED?  
11   THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

12

13   **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR MOLINA FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS.  
14   ALL RIGHT. I HAVE. DO YOU HAVE ANY ITEMS TO CALL UP? I GATHER  
15   NOT. I WOULD MOVE TODAY THAT WHEN WE ADJOURN, WE ADJOURN IN  
16   MEMORY OF JOSEPH TSO-TSEUNG WONG, STEP FATHER OF C.E.O, CABLE  
17   AND TELECOMMUNICATIONS EMPLOYEE, TONY WYCOFF, AND FATHER IN  
18   LAW OF MY STAFF MEMBER, CYNTHIA WYCOFF.. HE WAS A RETIRED 32  
19   YEAR EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT. HE LEAVES TO  
20   CHERISH HIS MEMORY HIS WIFE, ALMA WYCOFF WONG, A RETIRED 28  
21   YEAR EMPLOYEE OF THE COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT, HIS  
22   CHILDREN, THEODORE WU AND CONNIE LU, AND HIS STEPSON, ANTHONY  
23   WYCOFF, ALONG WITH A HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALL MEMBERS.  
24   AND ISAAC HAYES, LEGENDARY SONGWRITER AND GRAMMY WINNER FOR  
25   THE THEME OF THE MOVIE "SHAFT." HE PASSED AWAY UNEXPECTEDLY ON





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1 AUGUST 10TH AT THE AGE OF 65. WE RECOGNIZED HIM IN THE SECOND  
2 DISTRICT AS A LIVING LEGEND AT OUR BLACK HISTORY MONTH, LIVING  
3 LEGEND PROGRAM IN 1997. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY A HOST  
4 OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALL MEMBERS ON THAT, AS WELL. BERNIE  
5 MAC, ACTOR AND COMEDIAN WHO PASSED AWAY ON AUGUST 10TH DUE TO  
6 COMPLICATIONS OF PNEUMONIA AT THE AGE OF 50. HE WAS AN  
7 ORIGINAL MEMBER OF THE ORIGINAL KINGS OF COMEDY AND GAINED A  
8 PRESTIGIOUS PEABODY AWARD FOR "THE BERNIE MAC SHOW." HE LEAVES  
9 TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY HOST OF FAMILY AND FRIENDS. ALSO ALL  
10 MEMBERS ON THAT. AND DARREN "BO" TAYLOR, FOUNDER OF UNITY ONE  
11 WHO PASSED AWAY AUGUST 11TH AFTER A BATTLE WITH CANCER. HE WAS  
12 A KNOWN COMMUNITY GANG INTERVENTION PREVENTION SPECIALIST.  
13 UNITY ONE WAS ESTABLISHED IN 1992 WHEN HE INSPIRED TO EDUCATE  
14 AND PROMOTE PEACE WITHIN GANG COMMUNITIES. UNITY ONE HAS  
15 HELPED OVER 30 NEIGHBORHOODS TO MAINTAIN CEASE FIRE  
16 AGREEMENTS. HE LEAVES TO CHERISH HIS MEMORY A HOST OF FAMILY  
17 AND FRIENDS. AND I CERTAINLY APPRECIATE ALL THE HARD WORK HE  
18 DID IN OUR COMMUNITY TO TRY TO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE VIOLENCE  
19 AND SOME OF THE GANG VIOLENCE THAT WENT ON. SO ORDERED. I'LL  
20 CALL UP ITEM 7. ARNOLD SACHS? I'M SORRY. I HAVE ONE MORE  
21 ADJOURNMENT BEFORE WE GET TO NUMBER 7. MARIE-ANNE PITZ-  
22 PALMATIER WHO WAS A BELOVED FRIEND AND HIGHLY RESPECTED MEMBER  
23 OF THE LOS ANGELES CONSULAR CORPS FOR MORE THAN 30 YEARS,  
24 FIRST AS THE WIFE OF HONORARY CONSUL-GENERAL OF LUXEMBOURG,  
25 PAUL PITZ. THEN AS HONORARY CONSUL GENERAL, LUXEMBOURG, AND





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1 EMERITUS MEMBER OF THE CONSULAR CORPS. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER  
2 HUSBAND AND THREE DAUGHTERS AND NUMEROUS GRANDCHILDREN, GREAT  
3 GRANDCHILDREN AND GREAT GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. SO ORDERED. I  
4 HAVE AN AMENDMENT ON 7, TOO, THAT I'LL PASS OUT.

5

6 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, THANK YOU AGAIN. ARNOLD SACKS,  
7 VERY QUICKLY. THE ONLY REASON I'M HOLDING THIS ITEM IS JUST IF  
8 THERE WAS SOME KIND OF DISCUSSION. I KNOW THAT THE CITY OF LOS  
9 ANGELES HAD SOME PROBLEMS WITH THEIR QUIMBY FEES AND THE  
10 ALLOCATION OF THE FACT THAT, A, THERE WASN'T A GENUINE AUDIT  
11 OF THE AMOUNT THAT THEY COLLECTED, AND, B, THE AMOUNT THAT  
12 THEY COLLECTED WAS SITTING AROUND AND NOT BEING USED FOR PARKS  
13 AND FUNDS AS IT WAS ALLOCATED. AND SO KNOWING THAT THE NUTS  
14 DON'T FALL FAR FROM THE TREES, THE ACORNS DON'T FALL FROM THE  
15 THE TREES, I'M JUST HOPING THAT THE COUNTY DOESN'T FACE A  
16 SIMILAR SITUATION WITH ITS QUIMBY FUNDS THROUGHOUT THE REGION.

17

18 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THE REST OF THE COUNTY,  
19 BUT I ASSURE YOU IN THE SECOND DISTRICT, WE USE EVERY PENNY WE  
20 CAN SQUEEZE OUT. AND THIS IS TO BE PART OF A PARK FOR SOME OF  
21 THE SURFACE THAT GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY HAS PROVIDED FROM  
22 THEIR OCEAN GATE FACILITY AT 135TH STREET AND UNINCORPORATED  
23 WISEBURN.

24

25 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME AND ANSWERS.



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2 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALSO MOVED. SECONDED BY KNABE. WITHOUT  
3 OBJECTION. SUPERVISOR YAROSLAVSKY, FOR YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?

4

5 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** YES. OKAY. MADAME CHAIR, THANK YOU. I HAVE  
6 ONE ADJOURNING MOTION, AND THAT IS THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY  
7 OF BERNIE BRILLSTEIN, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF OUR DISTRICT,  
8 FRIEND OF OUR FAMILY, PROMINENT ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY TALENT  
9 MANAGER WHO RECENTLY PASSED AWAY AFTER AN ILLNESS AT THE AGE  
10 OF 77. BERNIE WAS INSTRUMENTAL IN LAUNCHING AND ADVANCING THE  
11 CAREERS OF SUCH PERFORMERS AS JOHN BELUSHI, DAN AYKROYD, GILDA  
12 RADNER, AS WELL AS PRODUCER LORNE MICHAELS, JIM HENSON THE  
13 CREATOR OF THE MUPPETS, AMONG MANY OTHERS. HE BEGAN HIS CAREER  
14 MORE THAN 50 YEARS AGO AT THE MAIL ROOM OF THE WILLIAM MORRIS  
15 AGENCY, AN OLD STORY, A FAMILIAR STORY. AND THEN HE ROCKETED  
16 THROUGH THE RANKS AND LAUNCHED THE FIRST OF HIS SEVERAL  
17 COMPANIES BARELY MORE THAN 10 YEARS LATER. HE WAS RESPONSIBLE  
18 AND INVOLVED IN MANY BLOCKBUSTER FILMS SUCH AS "THE BLUES  
19 BROTHERS," "GHOST- BUSTERS," AMONG OTHERS. BUT WHAT I MOST  
20 REMEMBER ABOUT HIM AND WILL REMEMBER ABOUT HIM IS HIS  
21 CHARITABLE SIDE. HE WAS EXTREMELY INVOLVED WITH THE LOS  
22 ANGELES FREE CLINIC, NOW THE SAVON FREE CLINIC IN OUR DISTRICT  
23 AND NOW SERVING A NUMBER OF OTHER DISTRICTS. VERY GENEROUS.  
24 HELPED GET TALENT TO HELP RAISE MONEY FOR THAT CLINIC, WHICH



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1 HAS DONE SO MUCH FOR SO MANY PEOPLE. HE WAS A GREAT, GREAT  
2 HUMAN BEING. AND ASK THAT WE ADJOURN IN HIS MEMORY.

3

4 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED.

5

6 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** MADAME CHAIR, I JUST ON THE MENU LABELING,  
7 WE SAID 30 DAYS. WOULD THAT BE THEN CALENDARED? WHEN WOULD IT  
8 BE CALENDARED? BROUGHT BACK?

9

10 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** THAT WOULD BE SEPTEMBER 9TH IF YOU WANTED  
11 TO GO 30 DAYS. BUT YOU ALSO SAID MID-SEPTEMBER.

12

13 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** CAN WE SAY SEPTEMBER 16TH? THAT WILL GIVE  
14 EVERYBODY ENOUGH TIME.

15

16 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** AND YOU DO WANT THAT AS A DISCUSSION ITEM?

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18 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** PARDON?

19

20 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** YOU WOULD LIKE THAT AS A SET ITEM?

21

22 **SUP. YAROSLAVSKY:** IT WILL BE DISCUSSED ONE WAY OR ANOTHER, SO  
23 WHATEVER YOU CALL IT IS FINE WITH ME. THAT'S ALL I HAVE.

24

25 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SUPERVISOR KNABE? YOUR ADJOURNMENTS?



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1  
2 **SUP. KNABE:** THANK YOU, MADAME CHAIR. UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE A  
3 NUMBER OF ADJOURNMENTS. FIRST OF ALL DEAR FRIEND MR. RICHARD  
4 HOLLINGSWORTH WHO WAS PRESIDENT AT THE GATEWAY CITIES  
5 PARTNERSHIP PASSED AWAY AUGUST 5TH AFTER A VALIANT FIGHT WITH  
6 CANCER. MOST OF US KNEW RICHARD. HE WAS BORN IN IRELAND, CAME  
7 TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1983. HE SPEARHEADED MANY COMMUNITY  
8 PROGRAMS INCLUDING THE PARAMOUNT EDUCATION PROGRAM THAT WAS  
9 RECENTLY RECOGNIZED BY THE CITY OF LONG BEACH FOR ITS GREAT  
10 COMMUNITY WORK. HIS COMPANY, GATEWAY CITIES PARTNERSHIP, HAS  
11 IMPROVED EDUCATION AND HOUSING IN MANY LOCAL CITIES. HE'S A  
12 VISIONARY. RICHARD WAS VERY INSIGHTFUL, CARING MAN WHO LOVED  
13 TO MAKE PEOPLE LAUGH. OUR THOUGHTS IS WITH MARIANNE AND  
14 DAUGHTERS AND GRANDCHILD. HE WILL BE DEEPLY MISSED. FUNERAL  
15 WAS YESTERDAY AND JUST A GREAT GUY. GREAT VISIONARY. JUST A  
16 WONDERFUL PERSON, AND HAD VERY, VERY SIGNIFICANT IMPACT-- ON A  
17 REAL VISIONARY AS IT RELATED TO HOUSING THROUGHOUT LOS ANGELES  
18 COUNTY. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN M MEMORY OF CAPTAIN JOHN ELLIS.  
19 MIKE DID THAT. I WANTED TO JOIN IN THAT. I BELIEVE ALL  
20 MEMBERS, AS WELL. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JACK WILLIAM  
21 DAMERON, WHO WAS BORN AND PASSED AWAY AUGUST 2ND. HE  
22 ESTABLISHED DAMERON METAL SALES BACK IN 1945 AND BECAME  
23 DAMERON ALLOY FOUNDRIES IN '58. HE INVENTED THE H.R. FAMILY OF  
24 ALLOYS WHICH BECAME A STANDARD FOR GLASS BOTTLE PRODUCTION  
25 AROUND THE WORLD. HIS PRODUCTS REACHED THE AIRCRAFT, OIL FIELD



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1 AND OTHER INDUSTRIES IN EVERY CORNER OF THE WORLD. HE WAS A  
2 GREAT COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER PARTICULARLY IN LONG BEACH AND  
3 PHILANTHROPIST. HE FOUNDED THE DAMERON FAMILY FOUNDATION TO  
4 HELP FUND MANY CHARITIES IN LONG BEACH. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS  
5 CHILDREN, LINDA, JOHN, DARLENE AND MARK. HIS GRANDCHILDREN,  
6 LAUREN, MEGHAN, CHRISTINA, CASSANDRA, JESSICA, JOHN AND  
7 JAIDYN. ANOTHER GREAT GUY AND GREAT PHILANTHROPIST. ALSO  
8 ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF MARION KUEHL GOEN, WHO PASSED AWAY ON  
9 JULY 31ST. SHE WORKED FOR THE LONG BEACH UNIFIED SCHOOL  
10 DISTRICT FOR MANY YEARS. SHE PLAYED PIANO AND CLARINET AND WAS  
11 A GREAT PATRON OF THE ARTS THERE. SHE ENJOYED TRAVELING WITH  
12 HER HUSBAND BOB. SHE LEAVES BEHIND HER THREE CHILDREN, BOB,  
13 JUDITH, BARBARA, LEAVES SIX GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT  
14 GRANDDAUGHTERS. THEN ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF JOHN GAILEY  
15 WHO PASSED AN AWAY ON AUGUST 9TH. HE WAS A SURGICAL NURSE IN  
16 WORLD WAR II AND WAS LATER A CLINICAL SALES REPRESENTATIVE IN  
17 SAN FRANCISCO. HE'S BEEN A LONG BEACH RESIDENT SINCE 1986,  
18 VERY INVOLVED IN THE COMMUNITY. HE WAS ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE  
19 WRIGLEY NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION. MENTORED UNDERPRIVILEGED  
20 KIDS THROUGH I HIS BIKES 90800 PROGRAM. HIS INVOLVEMENT  
21 AFFECTED THE LIVES OF MANY. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE JOAN  
22 GREENWOOD, FOUR SONS, MARK, KEVIN, SCOTT AND BRIAN, SEVEN  
23 GRANDCHILDREN. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF BETH IDA  
24 WORTHINGTON KITTINGER, WHO PASSED AWAY ON JULY 28 AT THE AGE  
25 OF 93. SHE WAS A GRADUATE OF POLY IN LONG BEACH, AND WORKED AT



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1 THE OLD NEWHOUSE CAFE DURING THE DEPRESSION TO HELP SUPPORT  
2 HER FAMILY. SHE WORKED HER WAY UP TO HEAD WAITRESS BEFORE  
3 MARRYING JACK IN 1936. LATER IN LIFE, BETH GAVE TWO ROOMS IN  
4 HER HOUSE TO CARE FOR HER MOTHER AND MOTHER-IN-LAW. SHE WAS AN  
5 EXTRAORDINARILY CARING PERSON. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER SON JACK  
6 AND SISTER GWEN. ALSO WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DALLAS YOST, A  
7 LONG TIME, SUPPORTER OF COMMUNITY EVENTS IN HERMOSA BEACH. HE  
8 WAS VERY ACTIVE, KIWANIS CLUB PAST PRESIDENT, WORKED ON THE  
9 PROPERTY FOR THE KIWANIS. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE DOROTHY,  
10 DAUGHTER AND GRANDDAUGHTER. ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF  
11 HARRIET MARIE WALKER, WHO PASSED AWAY AT THE AGE OF 92. SHE  
12 VOLUNTEERED FOR 27 YEARS WITH THE GREATER LONG BEACH CHAPTER  
13 OF THE AMERICAN RED CROSS. SHE IS REMEMBERED FOR HER KINDNESS  
14 THROUGHOUT THE COMMUNITY. SHE IS SURVIVED BY HER BROTHERS BILL  
15 AND VERLE, SISTER-IN-LAW SHIRLEY, MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS.  
16 ALSO THAT WE ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF THELMA CRICHTON STANG, LONG  
17 TIME RESIDENT OF COMPTON AND BELLFLOWER. SHE IS SURVIVED BY  
18 HER THREE SONS, RON, JERRY AND CORD, AS WELL AS SEVEN  
19 GRANDCHILDREN AND 12 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN. VERY INVOLVED IN THE  
20 WOMEN'S AUXILIARY, SOROPTIMIST CLUB, P.T.A. COUNCIL. A GREAT  
21 LADY, WILL BE MISSED. ADJOURN IN MEMORY OF DR. JORDAN  
22 PHILLIPS, LONG TIME RESIDENT OF DOWNEY WHO PASSED AWAY  
23 RECENTLY. HE WAS A GYNECOLOGIST AND VERY INVOLVED IN  
24 CHAMPIONING DIFFERENT USES OF DIFFERENT KINDS OF EQUIPMENT. HE  
25 ALSO FOUNDED MEDICAL BOOKS FOR CHINA INTERNATIONAL TO PROVIDE





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1 TEXTBOOKS FOR SCHOOLS AND LIBRARIES THERE. AND THEN SHIPPED  
2 NEARLY 1 MILLION TEXTBOOKS. MADE GREAT CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE  
3 MEDICAL FIELD. HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE MARY, STEPDAUGHTER  
4 VANESSA AND THREE STEP GRANDCHILDREN. MADAME CHAIR, THOSE ARE  
5 MY ADJOURNMENTS AND I'M NOT HOLDING ANY ITEMS.

6

7 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** SO ORDERED. PUBLIC COMMENT? ARNOLD SACHS,  
8 MOLLY GINYARD YARD, TRICIA THAYER, CYNTHIA NYECHE, PLEASE COME  
9 FORWARD.

10

11 **ARNOLD SACHS:** GOOD AFTERNOON, ARNOLD SACHS. QUITE A MEETING  
12 TODAY. BACK TO METRO. IT WAS MENTIONED BY ONE OF THE SPEAKERS  
13 EARLIER TODAY THAT THE BUDGET HEARINGS FOR-- THE BUDGET FOR  
14 THE COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT IS PUT OFF AND OFF AND OFF. AND  
15 PART OF THE DISCUSSION MADE ME THINK ABOUT WAS THAT WHAT WAS  
16 PUT OFF WAS THE FEWER BILLS-- NOT THE FEWER BILLS READING, BUT  
17 THE M.T.A.'S 20-YEAR PLAN THAT WAS GOING TO BE VOTED ON IN  
18 JULY. AND IT WAS PUT OFF UNTIL AFTER THE TAX INCREASE. SO THE  
19 20-YEAR PLAN, AS IT STANDS RIGHT NOW, DOESN'T EXIST. THE ONLY  
20 20-YEAR PLAN THAT EXISTS IS THE ONE FROM 2001. WHAT'S THE  
21 STATUS? WE NEED TO FIND OUT WHAT THE STATUS IN OUR PROJECTS OF  
22 THAT ONE IS SO THAT WHEN THE HALF CENT SALES TAX GOES TO THE  
23 PUBLIC, THEN THE PUBLIC CAN BE TOLD THAT THESE ARE THE  
24 PROJECTS THAT SHOULD BE LOOKED AT. AND IF THE FEWER BILL  
25 INCLUDES OTHER ITEMS FROM THAT 20-YEAR PLAN, THEN WHERE IS THE





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1 FUNDING GOING TO COME FROM? IT WAS INTERESTING IN THE  
2 COUNSELOR GOVERNANCE MEETING I GO TO IN SOUTH BAY, PART OF THE  
3 DISCUSSION WAS INVOLVING THE CRENSHAW LINE THAT'S GOING TO GO  
4 FROM-- RUN THROUGH CRENSHAW BOULEVARD UP TO THE AIRPORT. AND  
5 THE DISCUSSION WAS ABOUT TWO THINGS. WHETHER IT WOULD BE A BUS  
6 WAY OR A LIGHT RAIL LINE. AND THE PROBLEM IS IF IT'S A BUS  
7 WAY, THEN THE GREEN LINE THAT MIGHT RUN THROUGH REDONDO BEACH  
8 AND TORRANCE UP TO THE AIRPORT WOULD BE INCOMPATIBLE WITH THE  
9 BUS WAY BECAUSE THE GREEN LINE WOULD BE A LIGHT RAIL LINE. SO  
10 THERE'S A DECISION THAT HAS TO BE MADE. BUT WHAT WAS ALSO  
11 INTERESTING WAS THAT THE SPOKESPERSON SAID THAT THE FUNDING  
12 FOR THE CRENSHAW LINE IS AVAILABLE TO HAVE THE LINE COMPLETE  
13 SOMETIME AROUND 2018. THAT IF THE HALF CENT SALES TAX COMES  
14 THROUGH, THAT WILL MOVE UP THE COMPLETION DATE TO TAKE 2012,  
15 2013. SO THE FUNDING IS THERE. AND THE AVENUES FOR THAT  
16 FUNDING AND THE AVENUES FOR THE GOLD LINE EAST LINE EXTENSION  
17 ARE THERE WITHOUT THE CONSTRUCTION AUTHORITY AND THE STATE  
18 INTERVENTION--

19  
20 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** THANK YOU, YOUR TIME EXPIRED.

21  
22 **ARNOLD SACHS:** THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME, YOUR ANSWERS AND YOUR  
23 ATTENTION.



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1    **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID I CALL JOHN FLORES? PLEASE STATE YOUR  
2    NAME .

3

4    **CYNTHIA NYECHE:** CYNTHIA NYECHE. MY COMPLAINT IS AGAINST  
5    COMMUNITY OF FRANCE WHICH IS UNDER THE CONTRACT OF MENTAL  
6    HEALTH. AND I WAS ADVOCATING FOR THE BUILDING AND I HAVE A LOT  
7    OF RETALIATION. AND ALSO WAS WORKING UNDER MENTAL HEALTH AND  
8    GOT TERMINATED WITHIN A WEEK. AND UNDER THAT MENTAL HEALTH, I  
9    GUESS IT'S UNDER THEIR NEW PROPOSITION, 63 TO HELP THE CLIENT.  
10   BUT THEN OUR BUILDING IS MENTAL HEALTH AND DISABLED PEOPLE. SO  
11   I HAVE THEM RETALIATING AGAINST ME BESIDES HELPING ME. AND I  
12   DON'T HAVE ANYBODY. I GUESS I'M IN GLORIA MOLINA'S DISTRICT. I  
13   CALLED HER OFFICE AND CAME DOWN TO ACTUALLY TALK TO HER. HER  
14   SECRETARY UNDER HEALTH, WHICH I GUESS IS AMY, SHE SAID THAT  
15   MENTAL HEALTH IS NOT UNDER COMMUNITY FRIENDS? BUT I DID MY  
16   PERSONAL INVESTIGATION AND FOUND OUT THEY ARE CONTRACT UNDER  
17   THEM, AND SO IS PROTECTION ADVOCACY, CONSUMER AFFAIRS. AND  
18   ANYTHING TO HELP THE CONSUMERS, ALL THOSE PEOPLE ARE TIED IN  
19   TOGETHER. AND THEN THEY JUST BOUNCE YOU AROUND AND DON'T GIVE  
20   YOU THE INFORMATION THAT YOU NEED. BECAUSE I NEED SOME  
21   ASSISTANCE, BECAUSE I PRETTY MUCH ADVOCATED AGAINST THE WHOLE  
22   BUILDING. THE SECURITY COMPANY AND EVERYTHING. AND AT THIS  
23   POINT, THEY ARE RETALIATING AGAINST ME AND I DON'T HAVE  
24   ANYBODY TO FIGHT FOR ME BESIDES MYSELF AND THEY'RE SUPPOSED TO  
25   BE-- IT'S SORT OF LIKE WORKING WITH THE ENEMY BECAUSE THEY



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1 KEEP ON SKIPPING THE BALL OVER AND NOT RESOLVING ANY OF THE  
2 ISSUES THAT I NEED TO ADDRESS. IT'S THEIR WORD AGAINST MY  
3 WORD.

4

5 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** DID YOU WORK FOR COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS OR  
6 DID YOU WORK FOR MENTAL HEALTH?

7

8 **CYNTHIA NYECHE:** MENTAL HEALTH. I WORKED FOR MENTAL HEALTH. BUT  
9 COMMUNITY OF FRIENDS IS WHERE I LIVE AT. AND I PRETTY MUCH WAS  
10 ADVOCATING FOR THE BUILDING BECAUSE A LOT OF THINGS WASN'T  
11 WORKING IN THE BUILDING. AND THOSE TWO PEOPLE ARE CONTRACTED  
12 TOGETHER. THOSE TWO PEOPLE ARE WORKING TOGETHER AND THOSE TWO  
13 PEOPLE ARE WORKING AGAINST ME, INSTEAD OF WORKING FOR ME.

14

15 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** IS THERE ANYBODY HERE FROM MENTAL HEALTH?  
16 SUPERVISOR MOLINA WILL HAVE SOMEONE TALK TO YOU. YES? PLEASE  
17 STATE YOUR NAME, PLEASE.

18

19 **TRICIA THAYER:** TRICIA THAYER. GOOD AFTERNOON. I COME HERE TO  
20 TELL YOU ABOUT A SITUATION THAT YOU SHOULD BE AWARE OF. WHY?  
21 BECAUSE IT'S ABOUT CHILDREN, AND CHILDREN ARE THE FUTURE OF  
22 THIS COUNTRY. SO I DON'T KNOW IF YOU KNOW IT. MY CHILDREN WERE  
23 IN AN ABUSIVE FOSTER HOME FOR EIGHT YEARS IN WHICH THEY  
24 WITNESSED ABUSE, WHICH WAS ABUSE IN AND OF ITSELF. SO LAST  
25 SUMMER THEY TOLD, AND SINCE THEN THEY HAVE BEEN RETALIATED



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1 AGAINST, BLAMED, PUNISHED, AND NOW THEY'RE IN ANOTHER FOSTER  
2 HOME. BUT UNFORTUNATELY THAT FOSTER HOME IS JUST ALMOST AS  
3 BAD. IT'S BORDERLINE ABUSIVE. ANYWAYS, IT'S TOTALLY  
4 DYSFUNCTIONAL. THEY HAVE 30 PEOPLE IN THE HOME DURING THE DAY.  
5 THE FOSTER HOME HAS FOUR CHILDREN. RUNS A DAYCARE DAY AND ALL  
6 NIGHT. THERE ARE ABOUT 20 KIDS AT HOME DURING THE DAY. KIM,  
7 THE SOCIAL WORKER, CHOSE THIS FOSTER HOME BECAUSE APPARENTLY  
8 WHEN SHE LOOKED IT UP, IT SAID THAT IT HAD A RUNNING CREEK IN  
9 THE FRONT YARD IN SOUTH CENTRAL. WELL IT TURNS OUT THAT THE  
10 RUNNING CREEK IS IN ECUADOR. AND AS FAR AS-- I WAS TOLD THAT  
11 THERE WERE NO CHILDREN IN THE HOME, WHICH REALLY I DIDN'T  
12 REALLY CARE, BUT IT'S A FAR CRY FROM THAT. AND ONE OF THE KIDS  
13 IS 17, AND WHEN HE SAW A CAT IN THE BACKYARD WITH THE KITTENS,  
14 HE SUGGESTED THAT HE KILL IT. I HOPE THAT EVERYBODY KNOWS IT'S  
15 A BIG RED FLAG WHEN CHILDREN WANT TO HARM ANIMALS. AND THIS 17  
16 YEAR OLD SLEEPS IN THE SAME ROOM AS MY 10 YEAR OLD WHO HAS NOW  
17 BEEN LABELED AS A BAD KID, WHO IS NOT A BAD KID BY ANY STRETCH  
18 OF THE IMAGINATION. ALL MY CHILDREN ARE JUST WONDERFUL.  
19 ANYWAY, BASICALLY WHY I'M COMING TO YOU IS BECAUSE I NEED TO  
20 MOVE TO SAN DIEGO WITH MY SON, MY ADULT SON, BECAUSE I HAVE  
21 HOUSING PROBLEMS. WHETHER YOU BELIEVE IT OR NOT, YOU ASK MY  
22 CHILDREN, AS YOU CAN SEE THE DEPARTMENT IS NOT DOING A GOOD  
23 JOB. SO I REALIZE THEY'RE NOT PERFECT. AND I GOT TO MOVE ON.  
24 BUT BASICALLY, MY CHILDREN ARE MISERABLE. MY DAUGHTER NEEDS  
25 NEW SHOES. NEEDED FOR TWO MONTHS. DOESN'T HAVE THEM. THE F.M.



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1 CAN'T AFFORD TO GET MY SON A HAIRCUT. SO I'M JUST SAYING  
2 THEY'RE NOT DOING THEIR JOB. AND THEN THEY'RE TRYING TO SAY  
3 WELL IF I MOVE TO SAN DIEGO, I SHOULD HAVE A TWO TO THREE-  
4 BEDROOM APARTMENT. BUT THEY'RE NOT DOING THEIR JOB.

5

6 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** WHERE IS-- YOU SAY THE CHILDREN, ARE THEY  
7 IN SOUTH CENTRAL?

8

9 **TRICIA THAYER:** YES.

10

11 **SUP. BURKE, CHAIR:** ALL RIGHT. IS THERE SOMEONE HERE FROM  
12 CHILDREN AND FAMILY SERVICES? I THINK THAT YOU SHOULD REALLY  
13 CHECK ON THE-- SHE SEEMS TO HAVE SOME VERY DETAILED ISSUES.  
14 SHE'S RIGHT OVER HERE. DID MOLLY GINYARD COME FORWARD? I GUESS  
15 SHE'S LEFT. THAT APPEARS TO BE THE END OF PUBLIC COMMENT.

16

17 **CLERK SACHI HAMAI:** IN ACCORDANCE WITH BROWN ACT REQUIREMENTS,  
18 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS WILL  
19 CONVENE IN CLOSED SESSION TO DISCUSS ITEM NO. C.S.-1,  
20 CONFERENCE WITH REAL PROPERTY NEGOTIATORS, SANTOS KREIMAN AND  
21 RICHARD VOLPERT AND THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICE WITH RESPECT TO  
22 NEGOTIATIONS FOR PROPOSED LEASE EXTENSION FOR PROPERTY WITHIN  
23 THE MARINA DEL REY SMALL CRAFT HARBOR AS INDICATED ON THE  
24 POSTED AGENDA. THANK YOU.

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